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New Metal-Working Machinery.

The Stiles & Parker Press Company, of Middletown, Conn., are now putting on the market a press of an entirely new design, especially adapted to sheet metal drawing, having been produced with reference to the wants of manufacturers of tinware, brass goods, clock cases, lamps and fittings, britannia ware, &c. It is a crank press, has a stopping and starting motion and the same general arrangements as several lines of presses made by them for similar work. In combining various improvements, however, an entirely new type has resulted. In all drawing presses hitherto made the blank-holder is forced down and holds the metal while it is being drawn by the direct action of cams. These are subjected to a great deal of wear and tear, owing to the heavy pressure required, which comes directly upon the faces. In a comparatively short time they become worn, and, unless there is a suitable compensating arrangement, do not operate with precision. Another great source of trouble is avoided in this new arrangement. In some of the old styles of presses, where the blank-holder is operated by cams on the main shaft, the cams force down the holder upon the metal to be drawn and tend to lift the main crank at the same time. Just at the end of the stroke, when the work is most severe, the action of the crank comes in and produces a still further lift of the shaft, accompanied by the springing of shaft and frame, frequently slackening up the hold on the cams sufficiently to allow the work to wrinkle. This is a fault for which press-makers have long been seeking a remedy. It is also very important to have the pressure regulated with great exactness. If too much is put upon the blank the punch will break through, and if not enough the blank will wrinkle, and bad, irregular work will result. The small margin there is for variation may be seen in the case of sheet metal, say No. 24, a very common thickness. It is only necessary for a wear of 0.0201 inch to take place to equal the whole thickness of the sheet to be drawn! The new press of which we present an engraving differs from those in general use in the novel method employed for operating the blank-holder and cutting punch. Instead of cams to operate the blank-holder a pair of toggle-joints are used, the arms of which may be seen in the engraving on each side of the blank-holder. This joint, when straightened, puts a perfectly uniform pressure upon the blank through the entire operation of drawing. Also by the adoption of a toggle-joint in the place of cams the strain of holding the blank is transferred directly to the frame without passing through the main shaft. The downward thrust of the crank in doing the work does not slacken the pressure upon the holder. The adjustment of the blank-holder and cutting punch is effected by the use of the well-known Stiles patent eccentric adjustment, which is both accurate and easy in its operation. The press is made triple-gear, with friction clutch, controlled and operated by the foot in connection with a friction-brake, which can be stopped, held and started from any point in the stroke at the will of the operator, or with the Stiles positive automatic stop motion, as desired. The weight of the press is about 9000 pounds; motion of blank-holder, 5 inches; motion of drawing punch, 10 inches; diameter of drawing punch, 10 inches; diameter of blank, up to 18 inches.

The Automatic Wire Forming and Cutting Machine, which we show in Fig. 2, has been specially designed for forming rings for rim wires, to be used in making kettles, pans, buckets, pails and other "pieced" tinware, as also for half circles suitable for bails, &c. This machine takes the wire from the coil, shown on the reel at the left of the machine proper, passing it first through the straightening rolls, which prepare the wire for forming by taking out the kinks. It then passes on to the feeding and forming rolls, which give it the shape required. As soon as this is done the cutting-off tool comes into action, dropping the finished ring or half ring into a basket on the floor. All these various operations are strictly automatic, so that the machine needs no attendance beyond starting the wire. It works at the rate of about from 50 to 80 rings per minute. The feed motion to determine the length of wire to be cut off can be easily varied by adjusting the crank-pin on the main gear at the left of the machine. This is done by means of the screw shown in connection with this gear. The crank operates a gear segment at the right, which acts on the feed motion through the ratchet and pawl shown back of the feed rolls. The circular plate shown at the right above the table, which has an automatic up and down motion, regulates the action of the cutting-off tool. Rings and half rings up to 9 inches in diameter can be made on this machine from wire up to 1/4 inch diameter. It will also automatically straighten and cut off pieces of wire up to 30 inches in length. Although preferably worked by power, it can be operated by hand. The machine weighs about 1500 pounds. The New York office of the Stiles & Parker Press Company is at 203 to 207 Center street.

A university is to be opened at Tomsk, in Siberia, during the summer. It will be the first of its kind in that part of Russia, and

already possesses a library of 50,000 books and a valuable palaeontological collection presented by Duke Nicolas, of Leuchtenberg.

The Great Eastern.

Referring to the proposed conversion of the Great Eastern into a coal hulk for Gibraltar, the London Engineer, in a recent issue, remarks:

To this end she will be fitted with special hydraulic machinery, and will be moored in the bay. No details of the machinery to be put on board her are as yet available for publication; and it must suffice to describe the proposed arrangements in very general terms. Her paddle engines and boilers and the telegraph cable tanks and passenger fittings being removed, suitable coaling ports will be cut in her sides, which will be provided with shoots of the most approved construction. Rails will be laid on her decks on which will run hopper wagons. These can be filled in the hold and raised by hydraulic lifts to any deck suitable in height above water to the ships to be coaled. The wagons will then be run from the hatchway along the rails and emptied down the shoots. The system will closely resemble that employed at the coal staiths of Newcastle and the Tyne district. It is calculated that about 2000 tons can always be kept in readiness in the trucks on her decks, so that a large steamer can be coaled with great dispatch. The vast size of the ship will permit her to have several ships alongside at once, either to put coal into her by hydraulic whips, or to take it out of her as just described. The Government has insisted that she must retain her screw engines and boilers on board, so that should she break away from her moorings control can be exercised, and so she will be prevented from doing mischief.

It appears that the proposal to establish the ship in this way in Gibraltar has caused a species of panic among the local coal merchants and brokers, and the utmost opposition is being brought to bear against the scheme. The most absurd and ridiculous stories are

at once, but her owners had repairs carried out in New York—it is said at a cost of about a dollar per rivet—and these were of the most substantial nature. She has recently undergone an elaborate Board of Trade survey, extending over several weeks, and she has been pronounced perfectly sound and seaworthy. We may therefore dismiss the vaticinations of the

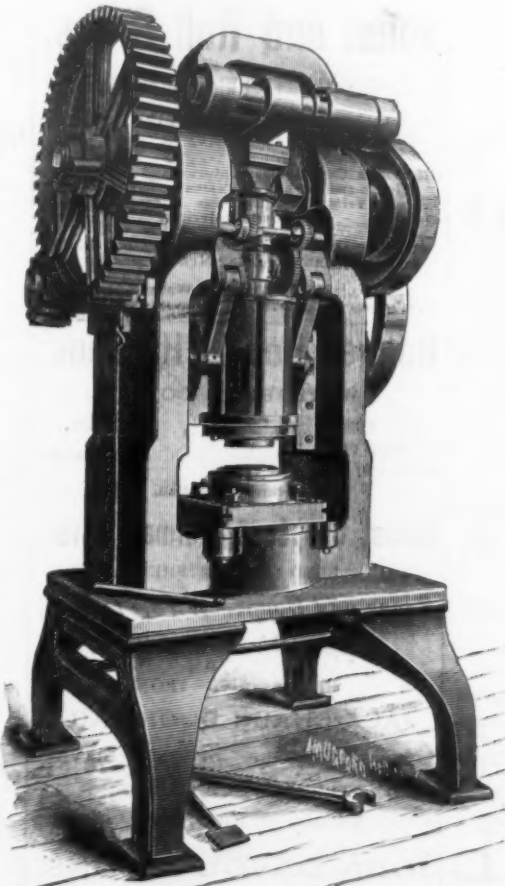


Fig. 1.—Toggle-Joint Sheet-Metal Drawing Press.

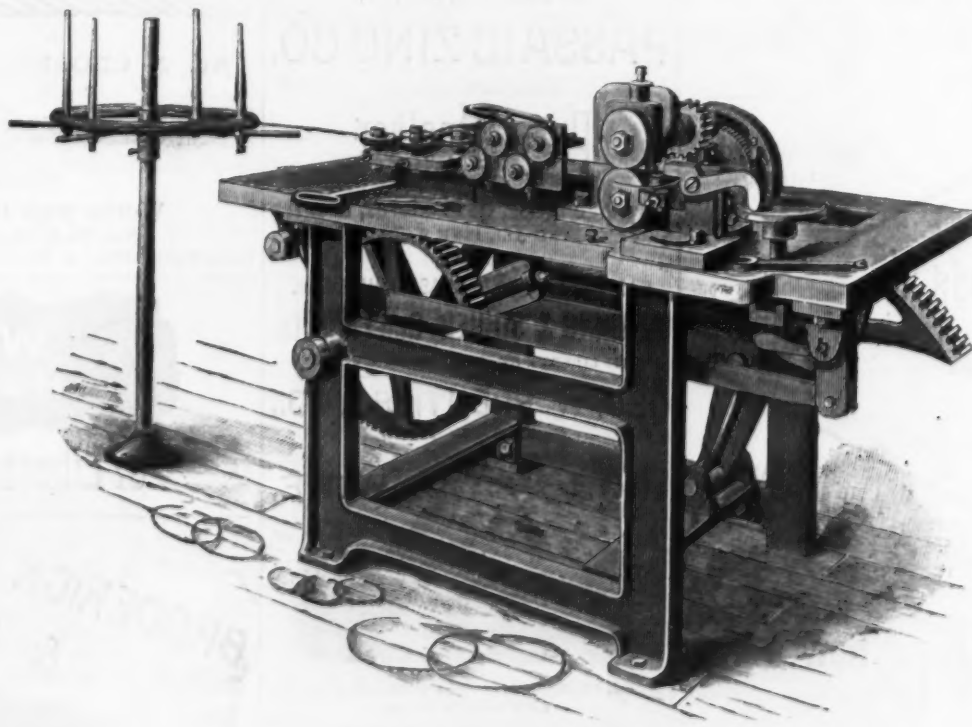


Fig. 2.—Automatic Wire Forming and Cutting Machine.

NEW METAL-WORKING MACHINERY, BUILT BY STILES & PARKER PRESS COMPANY, MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

being circulated by the Gibraltar press, and it is gravely argued that she will before long sink at her moorings, and do irreparable injury to the bay. She is said to be rotten; that her bottom is as thin as a sixpence, and so on. In point of fact, the hull of the ship is in excellent condition, and the chance of her foundering is altogether remote. She has an inner skin rising above the water level throughout her whole length, and the space between the two skins is divided into 800 water-tight compartments. Besides these she has cellular decks, and is well divided up by water-tight bulkheads. The ship was built of admirable iron. Portions of the plates have behaved like the toughest steel, and she was as well put together as possible. At a comparatively early period in her career she ran on Montauk Point, and tore nine holes in her outer skin—one no less than 85 feet long by 5 feet wide. She was got off, and proceeded to New York, delivered her cargo in perfect condition, and might have gone to sea again

Gibraltar coal merchants as undeserving of credence. So sound and good is the ship, indeed, that we cannot regard her conversion into a coal hulk without regret. The great ship deserves a nobler existence, and it might yet, we think, be found that she could be employed with profit as a sea-going ship. We can understand now why she did not succeed before; and it must not be forgotten that, with all her disadvantages, she did pay one company to which she belonged no less than 230 per cent. on her first cost to it in a very few years—not a bad return. Without going minutely into details, we may sketch generally the changes that would be made in her.

She has three primary defects. She draws too much water when loaded to enter any but a few principal harbors; she presents an enormous surface to the wind, and she is a most extravagant ship in the matter of fuel. By taking out her paddle engines and boilers—the engines alone weigh 850 tons—and taking off her upper deck and sides from

stem to stern, she would be relieved of about 2000 tons of dead weight, perfectly useless to her as a cargo-boat carrying only a limited number of passengers, if any. This would considerably reduce her draft and also the area of side presented to the wind. The last is a far more important factor than appears at first sight. When loaded down now her side is over 30 feet out of the water, and presents an area to the wind of no less than 20,000 square feet. She would be perfectly safe with 10 feet of free board. Her screw engines might easily be remodeled. They are at present, and always must have been, very uneconomical. So far as we can ascertain, they never made more than 35 revolutions per minute in regular work, although they have been run for short periods up to and over 40 revolutions. With such spurts, however, we need not concern ourselves. The engines have four cylinders 50 inches in diameter by 4 feet stroke. At 35 revolutions and 1 pound effective pressure each cylinder will develop 42 horse-power, or the four cylinders 168 horse-power. With a vacuum of 26 inches, and a boiler pressure of 20 pounds, we may count on 30 pounds initial cylinder pressure, and allowing for some expansion we may assume an average effective pressure of 20 pounds per square inch, which is probably over the mark, and $20 \times 168 = 3360$ horse-power. This is, we believe, in excess of anything that the engines have really done in regular work. No doubt we have taken the average pressure as higher than the boilers could maintain. Taking 3000 horse-power as nearer the truth, this requires 60 furnaces, and these may be counted on to burn 3 tons per day each, or 180 tons in all, which means 5.6 pounds per horse-power per hour. This was not bad work for the year 1853, but 3000 horse-power can be had now for, at the most, 2 pounds per horse per hour—or, per day, say 65 tons—which could be readily burned in 18 furnaces of proper dimensions. These would fit into three double-ended boilers, which could be put in side by side, and fired either athwartship or fore and aft; one large funnel would suffice for the whole. The engines could

on board so large a ship. A ship carrying 20,000 tons of grain on a consumption of 65 tons of coal per day would be in a very favorable position indeed. An ordinary cargo steamer can carry 3000 tons at 9 knots, with about 750 I.H.P., and will burn, say, 15 tons per day, so that she carries 200 tons of grain per ton of coal per day. The Great Eastern would carry about 307 tons. If triple expansion engines were put into her, which might be done by leaving one pair of cylinders, say, for example, at the port side as they are, and putting in two new cylinders at the starboard side, the intermediate cylinder exhausting into the two port cylinders, the consumption of fuel might be cut down to under 50 tons a day, and the Great Eastern might be able to run and make a profit at rates of freight at which no other steamship afloat could live.

It would be worse than useless to enter far into details. We have said enough to show that the Great Eastern might, as we think, be made to pay well as a cargo boat. Whether she would pay as well as she is expected to pay as a coal hulk we shall not pretend to determine, for we are not in a position to pronounce an opinion. The ship is now and to the end of her life must continue to be an object of interest to engineers.

Inventory Valuation of Machinery Plant.*

The keeping of cost and valuation accounts in connection with machinery has never been brought into so perfect a system as has ordinary commercial bookkeeping. The matter of inventory valuations with which it is proposed briefly to deal in this paper is, to say the least, in a very mixed-up condition, and although with some machinery owners it has received considerable attention the average method contains a good deal of guesswork. It is evident that at the very base of all account keeping is the finding out the true value of the property kept account of; and that without this being correct all else is useless. Probably the most popular and frequently used method of doing this is by pure guessing. Another system is that of taking original cost at first and then depreciating a given percentage each year, regardless of the several modifying conditions which will be mentioned later on. One large manufacturer used to work upon this system with his machine tools, depreciating their value 10 per cent. each year. Although acknowledging that it brought the figures rather too low, he said that it kept him upon the safe side, as not letting his assets appear of greater value than they really were. However safe this method may be, it is worthless if the object is to show the real value of the property. This will be apparent if reference is made to the second column of the following table, wherein \$100 is shown decreased at the end of each year 10 per cent. from the remainder belonging to the year previous:

| Years. | 10% off. | 5% off. | Years. | 10% off. | 5% off. |
|--------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| 0..... | 100.00 | 100.00 | 7..... | 47.83 | 69.83 |
| 1..... | 90.00 | 95.00 | 8..... | 43.05 | 66.34 |
| 2..... | 81.00 | 90.25 | 9..... | 38.74 | 63.05 |
| 3..... | 72.90 | 85.74 | 10..... | 34.87 | 59.98 |
| 4..... | 65.61 | 81.45 | 15..... | 20.59 | 46.33 |
| 5..... | 59.05 | 77.38 | 20..... | 12.16 | 35.85 |
| 6..... | 53.15 | 73.51 | | | |

It will be noticed that at the end of 10 years the amount is only about \$35, at the end of 15 years \$20.50, and at the end of 20 years about \$12. In the third column is shown the respective amounts for \$100 as depreciated 5 per cent. each year, instead of 10. This gives about \$60, \$46 and \$36 respectively, as the amounts at the end of 10, 15 and 20 years, and it is much more reasonable for the valuation of machine tools than is the first-mentioned discount, if a system of this kind with a constant ratio is to be employed at all. The absurdity is, however, apparent of using a tool costing \$100 when in such bad condition as to be worth but \$12, or even \$36. Such practice would be suicidal, and yet many tools need not be thrown away in 20 years. Another method is to estimate the probable price which an article would bring at auction. This is a very indefinite way, as it is well known that there are auctions and auctions. In some of these the property brings more than it is really worth, while in others, where the proper bidders do not happen to be present, or where an article is bought for a purpose for which it is unfit, the prices are sometimes almost nil.

A striking illustration of the variable values which may be attached to a lot of plant may be seen by comparing the average insurance value and the average taxation value, the latter being usually a very different thing from the former, and the difference being something that frequently sadly puzzles the conscience of the owner to adjust, as it is a soothing balm to his pocket-book. The system now used of taxing machine shop plant is very variable, and the average tax assessor is often at his wits' end to know what value to put upon such articles as patterns and special tools, even if he arrives at any fair conclusion regarding the standard machinery. The result is usually a compromise between the high guesses of the assessor and the low guesses of the owner.

It will not be necessary in this paper to dwell upon the best methods of finding the

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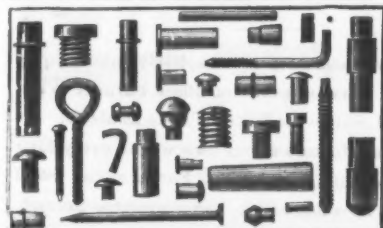
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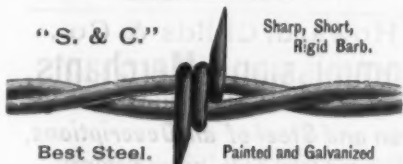
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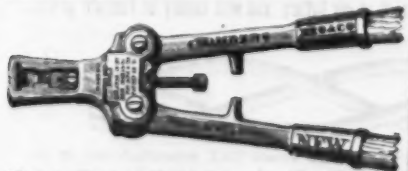
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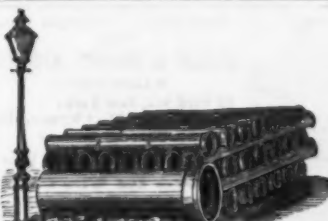
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A third variable pertaining to values is obsolescence, for it is evident that our hypothetical \$1000 lathe, even if it has been bought at the lowest market price, which has not yet fallen, and near at hand, where no freight of any amount was to be added, and is new and in perfect condition, is not worth \$1000 if a lathe can be bought for the same price which is of such superior design that twice as much work can be done with it in a given time. In this case the first-mentioned lathe is practically obsolete, and its value might be less than nothing. This supposable case is, of course, an extreme one, but the fact is that in these days of intense inventive activity machinery is constantly becoming more or less obsolete. In many cases this is so only to a slight degree, especially in cases of machine tools, such as lathes, planers, drill presses, &c. This fact is not much to the credit of mechanical engineers, but it is nevertheless a fact that far less original design has been put into this class of tools than into many others outside of machine shops. A fourth and the most obvious cause of depreciation in machinery plant is wear and tear, and there is perhaps more good judgment necessary in determining the exact amount of this depreciation than in any other part of the appraiser's work.

The grand principle which lies at the root of correct valuation, and which should govern the appraiser throughout all his work, is that any article is worth not what it did cost but what it would cost to replace it to-day, providing it is so useful that it would be desirable to so replace it were it destroyed. Thus, if a shop has a lot of machine tools which are built so near to the best modern practice that it would be desirable to duplicate them were they destroyed, they are worth exactly what said duplicates would now cost delivered and set up in the shop, less the depreciation due to the wear and tear. This rule also applies to boilers, engines, shafting, belting, shop fixtures and small tools—anything, in fact, which can be bought in open market (and, for that matter, it can be applied also to buildings and ground as well as plant). In the case of working drawings, patterns for castings, and other special tools, such as jigs, &c., all of which are usually made upon the premises, and whose chief cost consists in the items of labor and general expenses, together with a small amount for material, the method of obtaining the true value is, of course, somewhat more complicated. This is for the reason that the amount which such an article did cost is a very poor index of what it would cost to build a second one, it being usually the case that but one of a kind is needed, and no duplicate has been made. There must necessarily be some guesswork in getting the value of these articles, but it is usually from 10 to 30 per cent. less than the original cost spoken of—that is, in full use. With this class of tools the variation of market price, locality and wear and tear do not occur to so great an extent as with machine tools proper, but the variation due to obsolescence occurs in a very much greater degree than with almost any other class of property. It will be noticed above that working drawings and patterns are classed with jigs, as "special tools." They are not always regarded as such, but undoubtedly should be, as they have exactly the same general conditions governing their use. It may be here said that a marked distinction should always be made between an original drawing and a working drawing. One of the former class may cost \$1000 to make, on account of the designing which is incorporated with it, but as a drawing it is not worth more than \$10 if it can be duplicated by an ordinary journeyman draftsman for that amount. Whatever value the designing spoken of has in itself must be found in some other part of the inventory, under the head of "patent rights," "good-will," or something of that kind, rather than in the class "drawings." A working drawing, therefore, is just as is a pattern or a jig worth exactly what it would cost for a draftsman to copy it off, plus the paper on which it is drawn. A pattern is worth exactly what the wages and general expenses would be for a pattern-maker to duplicate it, plus cost of the wood, glue, varnish or other material. The true value of a jig or templet may obviously be found in the same manner, always assuming that said articles are needed for frequent use in the regular production of the goods

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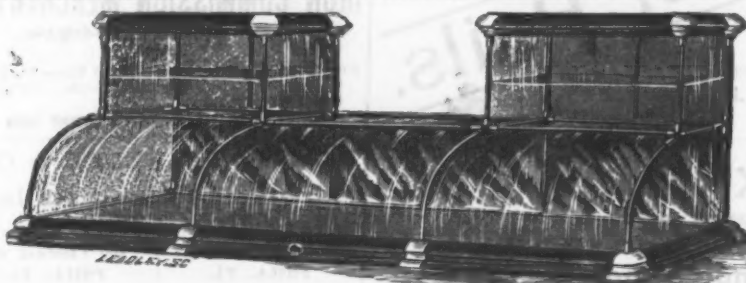
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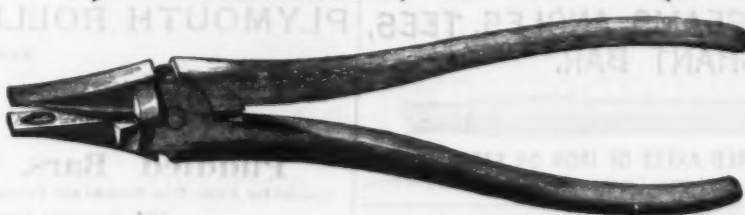
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manufactured by the shop in question. It is evident that the value of all these classes of special tools depreciates enormously if said production is permanently decreased from regular and standard to occasional, or if the articles made are going out of fashion in the market, or are not able to compete in price with others of a similar nature. If they have become entirely unsaleable from the above causes, or from having been superseded by improved articles of some other kind, then the value of the drawings, patterns and other special tools with which they were produced is, of course, reduced to nothing. Great care should always be taken in appraising to rate such articles low enough, so as not to show deceptively high assets, but at the same time, in justice to all concerned in the ownership of the property, they should not be put at a foolishly low figure, as were the patterns of a large manufacturing concern known to the writer, whose policy was to gradually depreciate all their patterns until their value stood at "nothing" upon their books. This, of course, made them safe against showing false profits, and also had the merit of making their inventory worthless for this particular class of tools, so far as the legitimate functions of an inventory are concerned. The simplicity and ingenuity of this plan were more conspicuous than its common sense, especially after some time had elapsed and the figures had gotten down very low. Of course if the system was right at this time it must have been wrong at first, and to carry it out logically the patterns should all have been counted as worth nothing when they were first made.

In all jobbing machine shops, which do repairing and odd work rather than limiting themselves to standard manufacturing, there is a large accumulation of drawings and patterns—not usually, however, many jigs—which belong to what may be called "transient" jobs and which will probably never be used again, or, at any rate, only occasionally. These should be valued at a very low figure, usually less than 10 per cent. of what they cost, the amount of this percentage depending upon the probabilities of their future use. In estimating the depreciation due to wear and tear in engines, shafting, belting and machine tools due regard should be had to the general system upon which they are run—whether they are allowed to wear themselves almost entirely out and are then replaced by new ones, of which a new inventory is taken, or whether they are kept up to a certain standard of goodness by the replacing of worn parts, &c. The latter is the system practiced by the writer for many years past, and is, in his opinion, undoubtedly the best one. Leaving out the question of obsolescence, there is no reason why a lathe or a planer should not be run for 20 or 30 years and kept up to the standard (by frequent repairs and replacement of parts) to which it has attained in the third or fourth year of its age. Shafting and pulleys can be regarded in the same way, but can probably be kept nearer to a new standard, as they do not wear out so fast. Belting also can be treated upon the same principle, but kept at a lower standard, the average condition of a lot of belting throughout a shop usually being probably nearly half worn out. The writer intends for his own use to establish for these classes of machinery, and also for small tools, such as twist drills, reamers, &c., a standard percentage of "worn-outness"—if such a word may be coined for the occasion. He has not yet made an accurate estimate of the proper percentage to be employed in each case, but probably a fair allowance for the percentage of present new value in a well-equipped and properly taken care of machine shop, leaving out, as before intimated, the question of obsolescence, would be for shafting, &c., 80 to 90 per cent.; engines and machine tools, 70 to 80 per cent.; boilers and belting, 60 to 70 per cent.; and small tools, which are constantly being ground away, 50 to 60 per cent. This estimate is, of course, only approximate, and its correctness would vary with the standard of condition which was adopted and the consequent thoroughness and frequency of repairs.

A properly-kept inventory of the class of articles just mentioned would put them at new value the first year, and depreciate them from 5 to 10 per cent. annually, until the standard constant was reached, after which they would remain at about the same price each year, except as affected by violent fluctuations in the market, and by obsolescence of design. With regard to the special tools before mentioned, the depreciation for wear and tear need be but very little, as if they serve their purpose at all they must be kept in such repair as to serve it perfectly; and they are not a marketable article in which a slight deterioration in appearance would largely affect their value, as would be the case with standard articles. In the case of working drawings, which are usually of trifling value, it is not worth while to take account of the wear and tear, as when worn too much for use they can be wholly replaced with duplicates, and the valuation can be kept, for convenience, at the same rate. An excellent mental aid to an appraiser, in considering the value of doubtful articles, is to estimate what he would be willing to bid at auction for a duplicate were the article destroyed. This amount, if correctly guessed at, is certainly a true index of the real value.

The writer has for several years past paid considerable attention to keeping a systematic inventory, in which all the property of the machine works with which he is connected is classified into "classes" and "sub-classes," so entered in tabular form that the names need not be rewritten yearly except in case of additional articles entered. In this book there is a set of columns provided for each year for a term of years to come, so that the value merely need be entered, together with the amount of depreciation since the last year. There are proper columns provided for cost, variation therefrom to obtain actual new value, subsequent depreciation for the various causes that have been mentioned in this paper, &c. He will not, however, occupy the time of the society now to describe this book in detail, though it may possibly furnish a theme for some future occasion. The object of this paper

will be attained if it shall happily influence even a few among many engineers to use more systematic methods in estimating the true value of the property in their charge.

As a recapitulation of the foregoing, the rules governing an appraiser may be tersely stated thus: Rate all property that it would be desirable to reproduce were it destroyed to day at the net cost of such reproduction in its existing locality, minus its estimated damage by wear and tear. Rate partially obsolete articles the same way, but minus also a percentage of their apparent value equal to their estimated percentage of obsolescence or of improbability of usefulness. Rate wholly obsolete article at nothing.

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The Henrietta is the 133d steamer of our build. Her dimensions are: Length on deck, 48 feet; length on water line, 46 feet 6 inches; beam, 7 feet 5 inches; depth, 3 feet 9 inches. She is open nearly two-thirds of her length, has air tight compartments at each end and four water-tight bulkheads. The hull is built of wood, and the planking, decks, &c., are double thickness of mahogany. The keel and entire frame are of white oak, and all fastenings are of copper and bronze. Engine is of the triple-expansion type of our latest design, and intended for a very high steam pressure. The cylinders are 4 inches, 6½ inches and 10 inches diameter, and the stroke of piston is 8 inches. Boiler is the Herreshoff patent safety, and is of our usual improved type. It has about 9 square feet of grate surface, and the draft is accelerated by a steam jet in the uptake. The fire and engine rooms are not inclosed. Screw propeller is of bronze, with four blades, and is 28 inches in diameter. The boat is almost entirely free from vibrations, even at the highest speed. The trial for acceptance was made June 14. Six runs were made over a base of 1 mile (5280 feet) in Bristol Harbor. There was a moderate wind abeam, and the sea was quite smooth. A moderately hard red ash anthracite coal was used that was about 15 per cent. of ash:

| Run. | Mean steam. | Time. | Speed. | Mean of pairs. |
|------|-------------|-----------|--------|----------------|
| | Pounds. | Min. Sec. | | |
| 1 | 244 | 3 3 | 19.67 | |
| 2 | 240 | 3 2 | 19.77 | 19.72 |
| 3 | 244 | 3 2 | 20.06 | |
| 4 | 242 | 3 59.5 | 19.91 | 19.98 |
| 5 | 244½ | 3 19 | 20.11 | |
| 6 | 250 | 3 08 | 20.32 | 20.165 |

Mean speed, 19.935 miles = 17.4 knots.

Full time occupied, including turns, was between 24 and 25 minutes. There was no heating of bearings whatever, and it was the second time the boat had left the dock. The Henrietta left Bristol for New York at 4.48 a. m., June 16, in a dense fog, having two persons only on board, the engineer and pilot. She was detained fully one hour by the fog, and was overtaken by the Stiletto, also bound to New York, off Horton's Point, L. I., at 12.15 p. m., just as the fog cleared away. She ran side and side with the Stiletto to Sands Point, and arrived under the Brooklyn Bridge at 6.15 p. m., having had head tide nearly all the way. The actual running speed was over 13 miles per hour; and if allowance be made for fog and adverse tide, her speed was nearly 15 miles per hour. Consumption of coal from Bristol to New York, 900 pounds. Weight of the boat in running trim, 10,000 pounds. Immersed cross section, 7½ square feet nearly.

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We have received from Herr Schrödter advance sheets of a very interesting paper by G. Hilgenstock, of Hörde, read at the general meeting of the Association of German Ironmasters on the 27th of June. It treats of the composition of basic Bessemer steel cinder, and gives the results of experiments showing that the phosphorus probably first is eliminated as tribasic phosphate of iron, which in the presence of lime is converted into $\text{CaO} \cdot \text{P}_2\text{O}_5$. This explains why a large percentage of lime must be added. Practice has proven that this amounts to 18 per cent. of lime, more or less, in dephosphorizing pig carrying 3 per cent. of phosphorus and the minimum of silicon.

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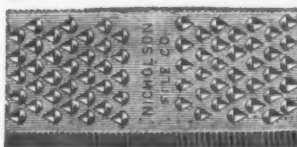
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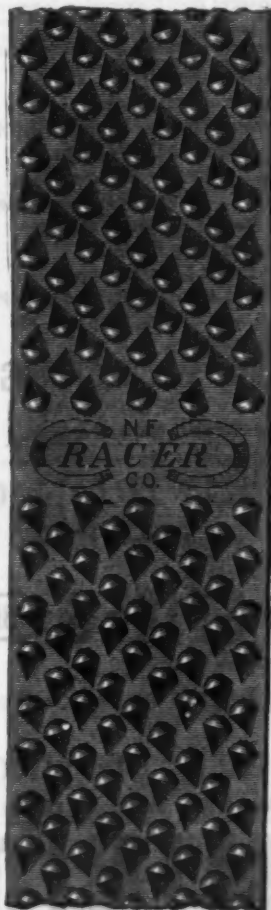


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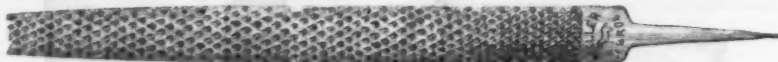
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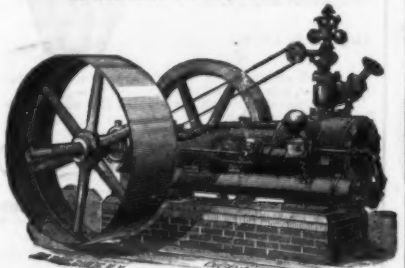


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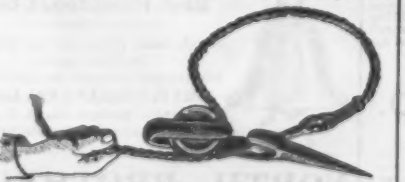
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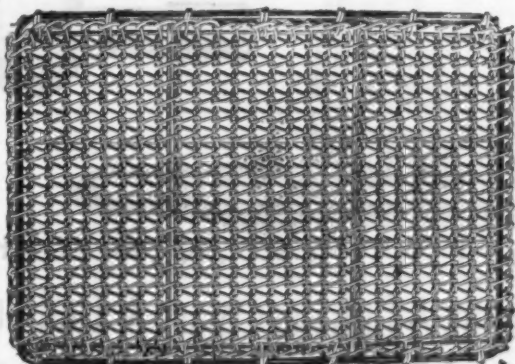
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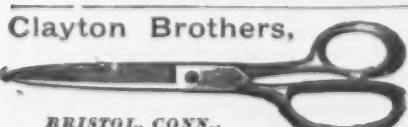


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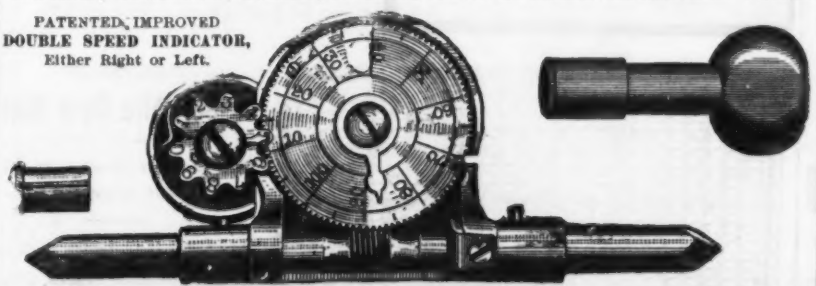
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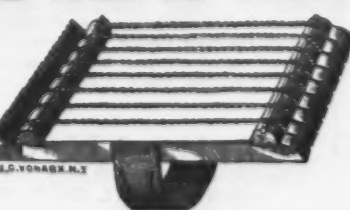
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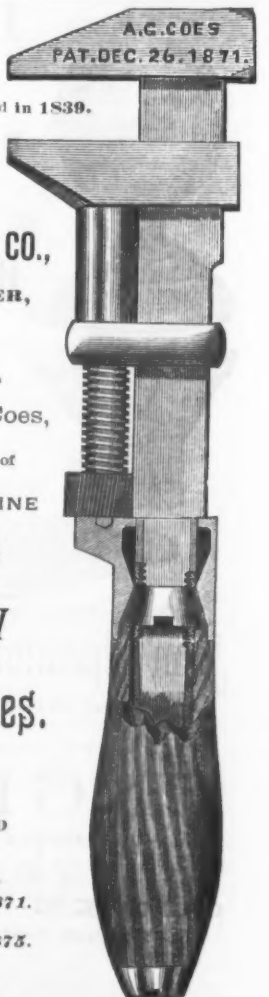
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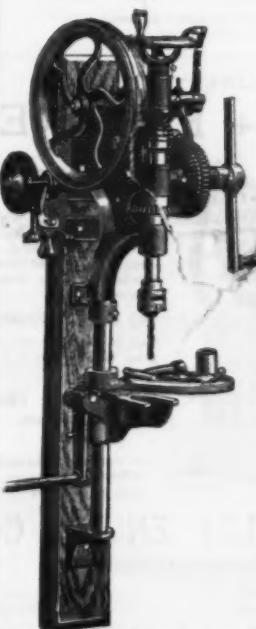
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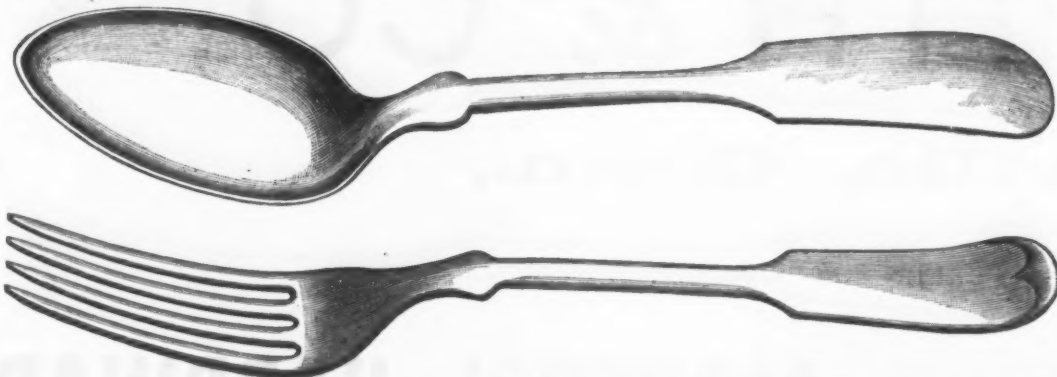
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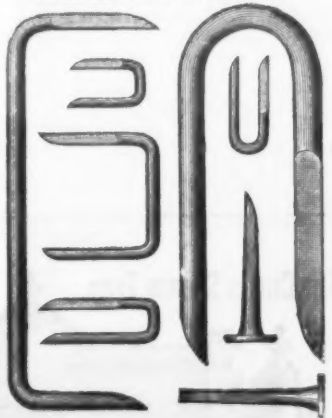
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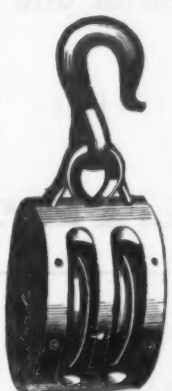
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the shooting season, and shipments for the American fall trade have begun, one would naturally expect to find great activity in the sporting-gun branch. Reports of business are very discouraging, both as regards home and export, and the Proof House returns bear out this testimony. For the United States and Continental markets, however, makers are fairly busy. The Australian market is in danger of being reduced to the American level by cheapening tactics of certain merchants or importers. To the United States the common quotation for cheap guns is now 30/ or, say, 25 per cent. less than it was three or four years ago. At Sheffield country orders hang fire under the paralyzing influence of the political campaign. Travelers are in many cases hardly clearing their expenses and in some instances I believe they have been recalled for a week or two. American indents for cutlery and steel are fairly maintained, but steel manufacturers who have just returned from the States have come back with a gloomy opinion as to the general outlook in their branch.

The Consolidation of the St. Joe and Desloge Lead Companies.

The St. Joe Lead Company and the Desloge Lead Company, both operating mines at Bonne Terre, St. Francois County, Mo., have been consolidated. Together they make between 10,000 and 12,000 tons of lead. The Bonne Terre Register gives the following details:

The basis of the transaction is the transfer, as before stated, of the entire property and franchise of the Desloge Lead Company, in lieu of which the former stockholders of the Desloge take stock in the St. Joe to the amount of the value of the property by them so transferred. Though the formal transfer has not yet been made, all the arrangements therefor are perfected, and as soon as the deeds can be drawn and executed the property will be formally placed in the hands of the St. Joe Lead Company, and will hereafter be operated under the sole management of the officers of that company. Mr. Desloge, who has hitherto had the management and who was the controlling spirit of the Desloge Company from its inception, now retires from all active participation in the business. The property thus acquired by the St. Joe Company is one of great value, and gives that company, in connection with their other mines, probably the most valuable lead property in the United States, if not in the world. To what extent, if any, the portion of the Desloge Works not destroyed by the recent fire will be repaired and utilized by the St. Joe company is not yet known.

About the year 1874 Firmin Desloge, then a young man, who had for several years been engaged in mining and smelting lead ores in Washington County, secured an option on what was then known as the Pratte land, adjoining the St. Joe lead mines, the great value of which was then just beginning to be realized. Mr. Desloge at once began prospecting with the diamond drill, and after several months patient labor demonstrated the existence of lead ores on the property in large quantities. He at once closed the contract for the land and without delay organized a company to open and operate the mine. In 1875 a company was organized, the name and style of which, if we remember rightly, was the Missouri Lead Company. Subsequently the name was changed to the Desloge Lead Company, in honor of its founder.

In the same year a plant was established, consisting of dressing and smelting works, with a capacity of about 20,000 pounds per day of 24 hours. In 1879 a new mill was built on a greatly enlarged scale and on an improved plan, with the latest improvements in machinery. About this time the old air furnaces were abandoned and the roasting and blast furnaces substituted in their place. The lead-producing capacity of the works was now about 50,000 pounds per day, and they gave employment to several hundred men. Thus equipped the business of the company was energetically carried on up to the latter part of March, 1886, when a fire occurred in the new mill by which in an hour's time the huge structure, covering an area of over 50,000 square feet, with its costly machinery was laid in ruins.

The management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has rearranged and enlarged its course in civil engineering by the introduction of options permitting a wider range of choice in studies, and also by providing a more detailed and direct course of instruction in the special branches of the science. The object of the course is not only to make the student thoroughly familiar with the principles of engineering, but to illustrate their application in such detail that he may clearly see their relation to practical work in all departments of the science. It comprises surveying and topography, including fieldwork of all kinds, drawing, designing and construction. The general course includes instruction in regard to railroad building, from the first reconnaissance to the completed road, and a new and advanced course on railway management and transportation is provided for the fourth year.

The truth concerning the sudden collapse of the recent strikes of coal miners and iron-workers in Belgium has leaked out. There is something amusing in the announcement made by the Vooruit this week to the colliers of the Borinage, and through them, to the miners of the other districts, who broke the peace so disastrously some two months ago. It appears that this Socialist society, which claims to direct the actions of the whole working population of the Kingdom, has been occupied in hatching a plot for the destruction of "infamous capital," and, along with it, the "infamous" capitalist. One feature of the scheme was a general strike—not of coal miners only, but of all classes of workmen—at some future time, probably the late autumn of the present year, and at a moment when such an occurrence was unsuspected and therefore unprepared for. The colliers, ironworkers and quarrymen, by set-

ting up a conflict with their employers on their own account, have marred this pretty plot, or, at least, diminished their chances of success. Hence the Vooruit is very wrath with the offenders, and it announces its intention of taking measures to punish the breach of discipline as it deserves. In the general strike, which, it seems, is yet to come, whether with or without the miners, the latter are to be left severely alone. That is, they will receive no "official" support from the Socialist organization.

Foreign Markets.

FRANCE.

PARIS, July 8, 1886.—Metals.—Our market has gradually become less active: Tin and Spelter have yielded slightly. We quote toward the close in francs the 100 kilos: Copper.—(Chili Bars, 102 @ 103; Ingots and Slabs, 107.50; Best Selected, 110.50; and Pure Corocoro Ore, 103.25. Tin.—Banco, 570; Billiton, 585.75; Straits, 585.25; and Australian and English, 585. Lead, 33 @ 35.75, and Spelter, 36.75 @ 37. Iron.—The situation has gone on improving in France, and better prices seem to rule everywhere. The Douzeville strike has terminated; out of 1500 men 1200 have returned to work. Fully 100 have been discharged outright; 200 will be employed again as work increases. In this city the upward tendency in the iron market continues. Dealers have fixed the price of Merchant at 14 and Flooring at 13 francs the 100 kilos; soon the ruling will be higher. Common Sheets No. 2 are bringing 16 @ 16.50 francs. Old Rails are firm at 7. Advances from the Ardennes are quite encouraging; prices are rising under the impulse of an active demand. Many buyers still hesitate, but will soon be forced to enter the market. Great animation is reported from the Haute-Marne, there being a steady current of orders dropping in. They quote No. 1 Coke, 14; Mixed, 15; Special Iron, Prime, 30 @ 31, and Machine No. 30, 16 @ 16.50 francs. Coal.—Is moderately active and steady.—*Moniteur des Interets Matériels.*

BELGIUM.

BRUSSELS, July 8, 1886.—Iron.—The Belgian iron market has shown considerable strength during the week; orders received are not large, but they arrive in a steady stream. Rolling mills are busy, nor do they apprehend any sudden falling off in the demand for their products, this being about the best time of the year for them. The firmness of iron prices in Belgium under the present syndicate has the effect, as may be supposed, of playing some foreign orders into the hands of our German competitors, in Italy notably. Meanwhile prices remain unaltered; the syndicate have resolved to prolong their existence for another six months. Belgian Luxembourg Pig is tolerably well sustained at 4 francs @ 100 kg. Foundry, and 3.80 francs Forge. At Charleroi Foundry is selling at 3.75, and Forge at 3.70 @ 4.25. Merchant is worth 10 francs No. 1; Beams are scarce at 10 francs; Angles may be quoted at 11.50; Sheets, No. 2, 12.50; No. 3, 14.50; Commercial, 16.50; Thin, 18.50, and No. 4, 30.50 francs. Negotiations about a general reduction of output have led to no result yet. Meanwhile makers are content to go on producing and selling at rates which if they do not leave great profits, at least enable them to bridge over the summer season with a moderate margin on an average. Coal has not been affected in either direction by the strikes; prices are steady.—*Moniteur Industriel.*

GERMANY.

HAMBURG, July 8, 1886.—Iron.—There has been no improvement during the week in Rhenish Westphalia, nor is there any indication that there soon will be. Pig-iron production, it is true, has been reduced, but not sufficiently so. It is hoped that the Government will reduce the freight on iron ore in the Siegen district. After pending contracts for Pig Iron are filled the dullness may become still greater. There has been a better demand for Forge Pig at Siegen, showing that rolling-mill owners do not expect it to decline any further. Meanwhile, production thereof is likely to be curtailed still further after stock is taken and the balance sheets exhibit the losses made. Luxembourg has been weaker than ever and declined to below 30 francs. Makers of Finished Iron are losing money all along. Some few mills are still doing well in turning out Boiler and Coarse Sheets; Thin Sheets are also slightly looking up. The filling of old orders for Wire Rods keeps some works busy, but prospects are not cheerful. The export demand slackening still further. Foundries and machine shops have to content themselves with unremunerative prices; only a few are busy to the extent of their capacity. Metals.—Lead is held higher, but at the advance asked little transpired; Copper has been quiet; Spelter steady, with a fair demand. We quote German Lead 14 marks; Lake Copper, 52 @ 55; Spelter, 14.50 @ 15, and Tin, 104 @ 108.—*Börsenhalles.*

HOLLAND.

ROTTERDAM, July 5, 1886.—Tin.—Banco has receded to 59.50, but speedily recovered to 62.50, spot, and 61.75, July-September delivery, while Billiton has been selling at 61.25 @ 61.50 for August-September. The following statement shows the position of Banca Tin in Holland on the 30th of June from the official returns published by the Dutch Trading Company:

| | 1886. | 1885. | 1884. |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Import in June..... | Slabs 13,756 | 3,416 | 5,958 |
| Total six months..... | 74,429 | 84,140 | 50,320 |
| Deliveries in June..... | 11,500 | 13,131 | 8,602 |
| Total six months..... | 70,514 | 56,441 | 60,707 |
| Stock second hand..... | 30,182 | 47,875 | 29,569 |
| Unsold stock..... | 81,339 | 106,098 | 80,062 |
| Total stock..... | 101,521 | 154,528 | 109,631 |
| Afloat..... | Piculs 7,300 | 2,450 | 10,720 |

Statement of Billiton.

| | 1886. | 1885. | 1884. |
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| Import in June..... | Slabs 6,500 | 8,400 | 3,100 |
| Total six months..... | 41,400 | 48,794 | 38,338 |
| Deliveries in June..... | 5,974 | 15,808 | 6,814 |
| Total six months..... | 40,422 | 52,309 | 52,522 |
| Stock..... | 16,770 | 23,036 | 42,029 |
| Afloat..... | Piculs 17,000* | 30,500 | 21,000 |
| Quotation, June 30. | | | |
| Banca 62 fl | 59 1/2 fl | 52 fl | 52 fl |
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* Including to-day's sale.
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SPAIN.

BILBAO, July 1, 1886.—Iron.—Iron Ore has been moderately active at 6 3/4 @ 6 7/8 for Canpand and 6 @ 6 1/4 Rubio Superior. Shipments have been made during the week in good condition. Freight to Cardiff-Newport has been steady at 4/10. Shipments so far sum up 1,935,953 tons, against 1,916,496 last year.—*Revista Minera.*

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, July 4, 1886.—Iron.—There has been a lively demand for Structural Iron and Agricultural Implements; there having been hardly any spring trade business is all the more active now. Although the price of Pig Iron is lower, Finished Iron remains steady. Austrian locomotives are at present 4 1/2 cheaper than they were in 1885. We quote at the close: Pig, 43 @ 48; Merchant, 35 @ 122.50; Sheets, 140 @ 15, and Beams 100 @ 105 florins per ton.—*Austrian Trade Journal.*

RUSSIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 6, 1886.—Iron.—Iron manufacture in the Ural district is in a poor plight, and makers insist that the duties should be raised at least 25 % if possible before the Nishnee-Nygorod fair. There is some prospect that the Government may comply with their wishes at once, and that later on there may also be an increase of the duty permanently.—*Journal de St. Petersburg.*

EAST INDIES.

SINGAPORE, June 2, 1886.—Tin.—Settlements aggregate 250 tons up to \$34.75, and the market closes strong in spite of increasing supplies. Shipments last month were 350 tons to the United States, and 450 to the United Kingdom. Tonnage.—For New York the August has cleared, the E. Accame will follow in a few days, and the Evie J. Ray has taken the berth. For Boston, the Hoogly is leading. Exchange is weak at 3/4 1/4 for six months' sight credit drafts. The Nestor took for New York from Penang 2594 piculs; the Antenor from here, 841; the Pekin, 121 for New York and 420 for Boston.—*Gillman, Wood & Co.*

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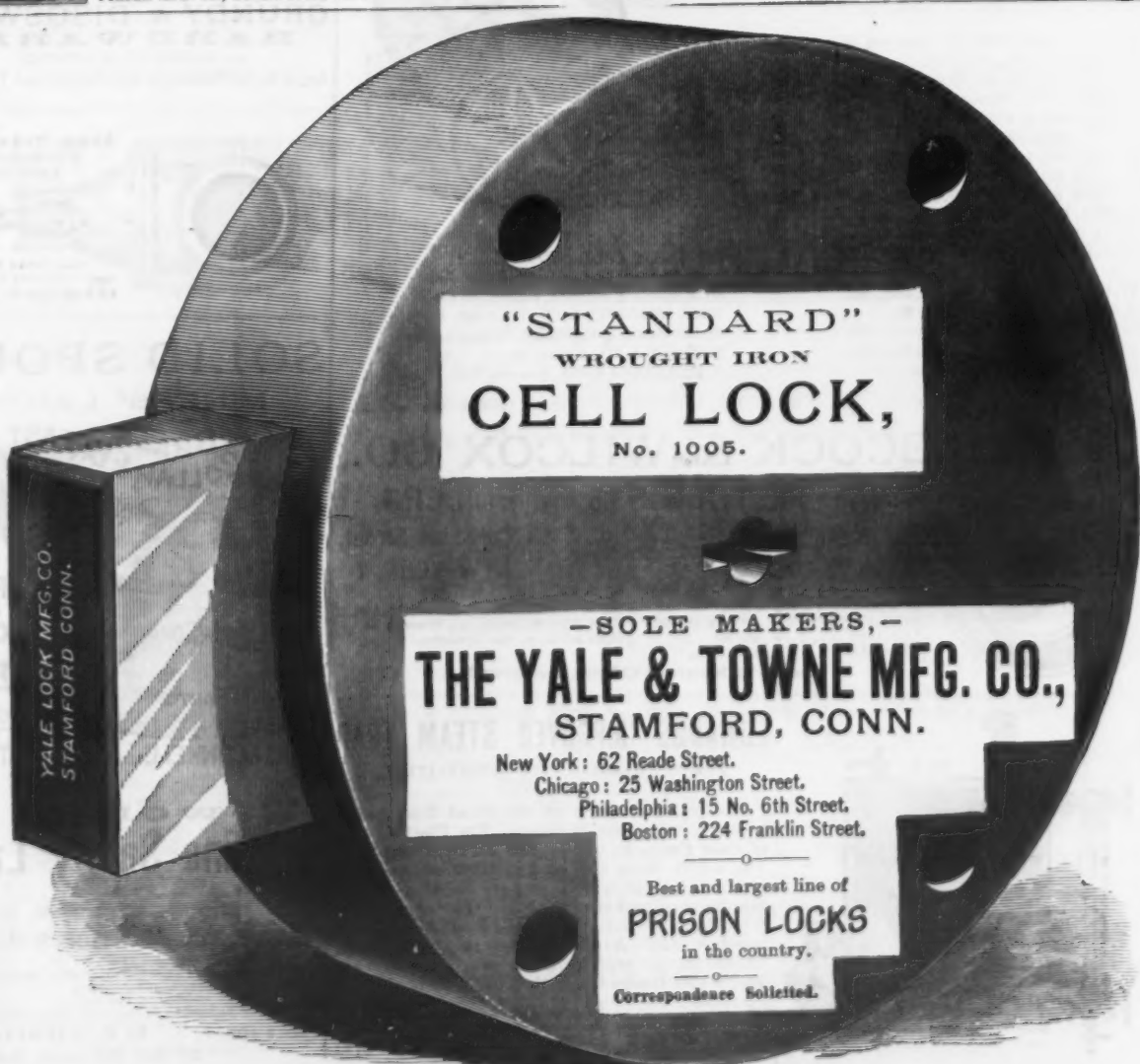
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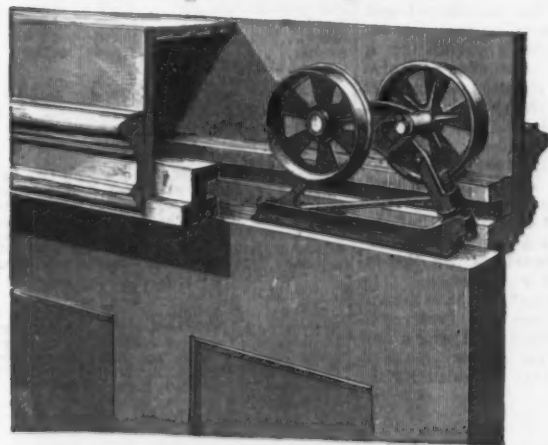
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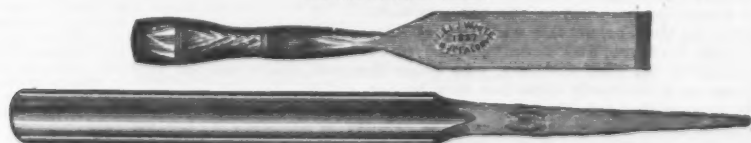
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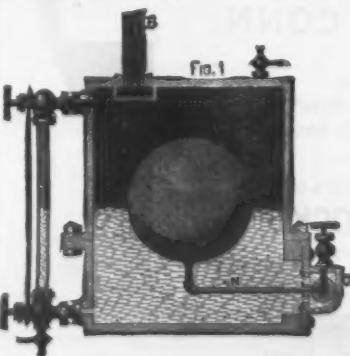


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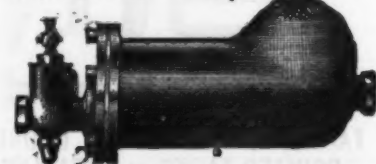


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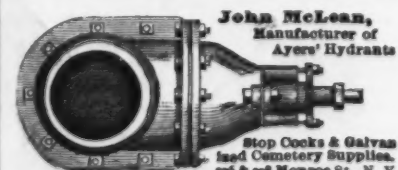
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Heavy Modern Machine Tools.

From a paper embracing the subjects of modern machine tools and workshop appliances for the treatment of heavy forgings and castings, recently read before the British Institution of Civil Engineers, by Mr. W. W. Hulsh, we take the following particulars:

It was stated that the greatly extended employment of steel, and the increase in the weight and magnitude of forgings and castings both of steel and of iron characteristic of late years of various branches of engineering, had led to important changes in machine tools, in order to prevent a decrease in the quantity of work turned out. For not only was steel specially obdurate to the action of cutting, but it was usual in steel forgings to leave an excessive thickness of metal to be cut away for the sake of economy in the forging, and of the enhanced value of coarse steel cuttings in remelting as compared with fine ones.

Mr. Hulsh selected the following for illustration and description: A 40-inch lathe, a 34-inch lathe, a large universal planing machine, a horizontal boring machine and lathe, a vertical and horizontal planing machine, a horizontal drilling, tapping and boring machine, a vertical milling and drilling machine, a ribbon sawing machine, a 30-ton power traveling crane, and spirit levels.

The 40-inch lathe, with four cutting tools, was 75 feet long and weighed about 100 tons, and would take in objects between the centers and over its sliding carriages up to 60 feet in length and 5 feet in diameter. It had distinct single, double and treble gear-wheel powers, each having five different changes of strap-power in the cone pulley and two in the top driving apparatus, making in all 30 various powers or speeds available. The main spindle was of steel, 13 inches in diameter by 21 inches long, and the outer journal was formed with grooves, like a propeller shaft, to take the end thrust. The face-plate had both external and internal gearing, and was fitted with four steel jaws operated by independent screws for gripping the work. Two sliding carriages were provided, each carrying a pair of duplex compound slide-rests and two cutting tools, or four in all. Each tool took a "cut" $\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep and over $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick at the rate of 6 to 7 lineal feet per minute. The sliding carriages were operated by twin fixed guide-screws, placed one at the back and the other at the front of the bed on the outside, and of rotating nuts which worked upon the screws. The guide-screws were made in two lengths joined together to insure their alignment one with the other; but as each length was held fast at the outer end the joint was not subject to torsional stress. The complete independence with which each sliding carriage could be traversed in either direction was an important advantage resulting from the employment of stationary instead of rotating guide-screws.

The 34-inch lathe, with eight cutting tools, had fixed guide-screws inside the bed between its two outer girders, and each sliding carriage was connected with only one of them. The spindle was of similar construction, but of greater strength than in the 40-inch lathe. The bed was in two lengths bolted together. The two front girders supported and guided the front sliding carriages and tools, and the two back girders those at the back at the lathe. Each sliding carriage carried one compound slide-rest fitted with two top slides holding one cutting tool each. The cutting tools might be actuated conjointly or independently. The length of the lathe was 45 feet 6 inches and the weight about 80 tons, and it was specially designed for turning steel ingots or heavy steel forgings in the rough.

An illustration was given of the large planing machine, capable of planing 30 feet long, 11 feet wide and 10 feet high. The bed was 40 feet long, made in two lengths. The table was 33 feet long, cast in one piece, strongly ribbed underneath. The machine was arranged for planing objects lengthwise or crosswise, or vertically, as in slotting. The possession of these several functions rendered the machine capable of treating, at a single setting, heavy objects which otherwise might require several removals to and resettings on other machines. The table was reciprocated by means of a large steel screw and traveling nut, the screw being driven at one end of the machine. The screw, being of great length and weight, was supported between the end bearings by adjustable cylindrical rollers placed at each side at intervals of about 10 feet apart. The rollers dipped in oil and carried up oil to the screw. The traveling nut was partly cut away, so as to allow it to pass by the supporting rollers without colliding. The V slide surfaces of the table and bed were inclined to an angle of only 15°, and for lubricating them a series of other cylindrical rollers, dipping in oil and mounted upon axles parallel with the inclined surfaces of the V-slides, were introduced. The mechanism for producing the cutting feed when planing longitudinally was actuated by adjustable stops secured to the table, which, as the table traversed to and fro, alternately propelled a rack backward and forward through a greater or less distance, according to the positions in which they were secured to the table, the arrangement being such that the feed-screws remained stationary during the cutting traverse, and were rotated only during the backward or non-cutting traverse. The extent of the feed was regulated by the distance the rack was traversed, and by the number of turns it caused the spur-wheel to make. By this means the cut might be varied by gradations of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up to 2 inches broad. It was applied only during the backward traverse of the table.

The horizontal boring machine and lathe was designed mainly for boring and facing medium-sized engine cylinders. Fast and movable headstocks were provided, as in a lathe. The main spindle was of steel, with its outer bearing formed with grooves, as in a propeller shaft, to take the end thrust. Between the two standards and bolted to them both was a horizontal sideboard which carried the sliding carriage. The two standards had vertical tee-grooves on their inner faces for receiving the bolts which secured

the horizontal bed to them. The boring bars, with cutters, were held between the centers of the headstocks and rotated by the face-plate and driver, the object to be bored being fixed to the tee-grooved table. The machine was capable of boring engine cylinders up to 30 inches in diameter, and turning and surfacing work up to 48 inches in diameter.

The combined vertical and horizontal planing machine weighed about 90 tons, and was capable of operating over a vertical plane 20 feet long by 15 feet high, and over a horizontal one 20 feet long by 3 feet wide. The cutting tool was fixed to a compound slide which was traversed vertically by a guide-screw. The vertical slide-bed was secured to two carriages which traversed upon two horizontal slide-beds. The traverse along these beds was produced by means of two guide-screws rotated simultaneously from the driving apparatus, which, through a horizontal shaft and bevel gearing, also operated alternatively the vertical guide-screw. There were three distinct automatic cutting-feed actions—one for planing vertically lengthwise, another for planing horizontally lengthwise, and the third for planing vertically crosswise. The whole of the mechanism was operated from one driving apparatus conveniently placed at one side of the machine. For some descriptions of work it was useful to fix on the bed a tee-grooved table about 8 feet square, having compound rectilinear and circular slides, as in a slotting-machine table, to enable circular and curved as well as flat work to be planed.

The universal horizontal drilling, tapping and boring machine would operate over an area 16 feet long by 10 feet high. There were two standards which could be traversed horizontally to and fro along a slide-bed; each was provided with a spindle mounted on a carriage, movable up and down the standard automatically. For drilling and boring the spindle was provided with variable automatic feed and quick hand actions, and when tapping work the automatic mechanism was put out of gear, the spindle being left free to slide inward and outward under the influence of the tap. The spindle carriages were furnished with platforms on which the attendants stood and were carried about, having always within convenient reach the hand-wheels and levers for putting in action or suspending each function of the machine.

In the combined vertical milling and drilling machine the main frame was of strong box form; the spindle projected 24 inches, and had a vertical movement of 18 inches. The spindle worked in two conical bearings within a hollow square slide, movable vertically through square guides formed in the body of the machine. The lower bearing was close to the head of the spindle, and a locking screw was provided for holding the square slide firmly in position at any desired point of the vertical adjustment. A separate self-acting continuous feeding mechanism was provided for drilling or boring, to be brought into play when required. The table on which the work was secured consisted of a tee-grooved top and two pairs of horizontal transverse slides, with a worm-wheel between them.

In the ribbon sawing machine for sawing off ingot heads and for sawing metals in the cold state the ribbon saw overhung the frame nearly 8 feet, was $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and was carried by two pulleys, each 9 feet in diameter, with the centers about 9 feet apart. The upper pulley was secured upon a revolving spindle carried by a sliding-block, which was free to move vertically, in guides formed in the standard of the machine. The block was actuated by screw and nut, and was connected with a balance weight and lever which held the ribbon-saw in tension. The lower or driving pulley had a large spur-wheel on one side of it, and was rotated by a cone pulley and double gearing. For carrying the work there were two sliding tables parallel to each other on the same horizontal plane. The greatest depth of work through which the machine was adapted to saw was 15 inches; the pitch of the teeth varied from $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

One of the distinguishing features of the 30-ton traveler crane was that the crab was a fixture upon the traveler, instead of being movable along it. This enabled the crane to operate over a wider area of workshop floor than was possible with the movable crab usually employed. Another feature was the arrangement of the chain for lifting and lowering, which was all in one length, but led in two symmetrical lines, so that the load always hung centrally between the two transverse girders, and strained each line of chain and each transverse girder equally with the other. A quick-running rope was employed for driving the crane, and all the various movements were transmitted through a horizontal shaft in the crab. This shaft was provided with three sets of friction-clutch bevel-wheels; through one set the barrel was actuated for lifting and lowering; through another the boggy carriage was traversed transversely, and through the third the traveler was traversed longitudinally. The three clutches were operated through three hand-levers, situated close together, worked by an attendant standing upon the platform. These cranes were in some cases arranged to be driven by a long shaft, or else by a steam engine carried upon the crab, either of these systems being preferable to the quick-running rope for steel and iron foundries. For steel melting houses, foundries, &c., this type of crane was well adapted, because the attendant was not exposed to the fumes and heat rising direct from the molten metal as he stood at the side of the building opposite to the furnaces.

In its last issue the London Economist says: "Of the trade outlook there is little that is new to say. The prospect has certainly been brightened by the improvement of business in the United States, an improvement which not only benefits us directly by increasing the demand for our products, but which is welcome as pointing to a coming revival here, because experience has taught us that a trade reaction in the States, whether favorable or adverse, is generally the precursor of a similar movement on this side the Atlantic."

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British Trade for Six Months.

The returns of the British Board of Trade for the first six months of the current year are instructive. The exports of pig iron were 479,007 gross tons for the first half of 1886, against 450,730 in 1885 and 648,463 in 1884. Had it not been for the increase from 55,628 tons in 1885 to 154,654 tons in 1886, or nearly 100,000 tons in the shipments to this country the exports of Great Britain would have dwindled to an insignificant figure. It must be remembered, too, that a very heavy proportion of these exports are spiegeleisen and ferromanganese. In bar, angle, bolt and rod iron we take only a very insignificant percentage of the total. For the first six months of the three years 1884, 1885 and 1886 the exports to this country were 2688, 1080 and 1941 tons respectively, out of 139,261, 123,195 and 114,474 tons respectively. In railroad iron of all kinds the steel makers of Great Britain have occasion to deplore a further falling off, the exports having declined from 383,850 tons in 1884 to 363,125 tons in 1885, and 345,826 tons in 1886. Of this quantity the United States are credited as buyers with 10,983 tons in the first six months of 1884, 5044 tons in 1885 and 13,768 tons in 1886. So far as the 1884 and 1885 figures are concerned a heavy proportion of this total came here only in transit to Canada. The English trade in hoops, sheets, boiler and armor plates, too, shows a decline from 168,703 tons in 1884 to 154,387 tons in 1885 and 146,266 tons in 1886. Of this we took 7300, 8523 and 7502 tons respectively, by far the larger proportion, of course, being hoops for baling our cotton crop. Tin plates are the only article showing an uninterrupted improvement in the volume of business. Out of 144,751 tons shipped in the first six months of 1884 we took 106,108 tons. In 1885 this rose to 115,861 tons out of 153,257 tons, and in 1886 to 148,388 tons out of 181,994 tons. Of unwrought steel we have become the heaviest buyers, taking 23,074 tons out of 49,787 tons in 1886, against 5912 out of 26,233 tons

in 1885, and 7022 tons out of 28,143 tons in 1884. These figures we believe group together the bars sent from the Sheffield district and the open-hearth blooms and billets, which came chiefly from Scotland. The increase has undoubtedly taken place only in the latter. Great Britain sends out large quantities of goods classified as "cast and wrought iron and other manufactures unenumerated." The totals for the first half of the three years 1886, 1885 and 1884 bring 173,699 tons, 169,904 tons and 193,091 tons. The share of the United States is insignificant, being only 889 tons, 742 tons and 1669 tons. Of old iron the exports for the first half of 1884 were 32,790 tons, of which the United States took 15,776 tons. In 1885 the figures were 32,332 tons and 4399 tons respectively, and in 1886 71,817 and 27,817 tons respectively. The June exports of old iron from Great Britain were only 2505 tons to the United States, and not less than 16,325 tons to other countries, thus showing that buying had set in from other quarters after we had stopped purchasing.

The magnitude of the hardware and cutlery trade of Great Britain is shown well by the following figures, which cover the exports for the first six months of 1885 and 1886 to the countries named:

| | 1885 | 1886 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Russia..... | \$18,849 | \$18,929 |
| Germany..... | 80,781 | 71,625 |
| Holland..... | 36,163 | 34,778 |
| France..... | 67,897 | 71,446 |
| Spain and Canaries..... | 41,094 | 41,367 |
| United States..... | 129,370 | 156,735 |
| Foreign West Indies..... | 15,558 | 26,137 |
| Brazil..... | 65,411 | 73,271 |
| Argentine Republic..... | 54,188 | 54,766 |
| British North America..... | 56,118 | 63,593 |
| British Possessions in S. Africa..... | 38,901 | 31,434 |
| British East Indies..... | 127,080 | 137,413 |
| Australasia..... | 296,278 | 307,854 |
| Other countries..... | 366,168 | 334,578 |

Total.....\$1,382,801 \$1,402,285

Roughly, therefore, the United States takes 10 per cent. of the goods shipped from Great Britain to foreign countries.

The Crop Prospects.

During the next few weeks the principal subject of interest to the entire community will be the condition of the crops. It is, of course, too early yet to gauge even approximately the volume of our agricultural products. Concerning the greatest crop of the country, hay, the reports are very encouraging generally except in the Northwest. Of corn we know only that, according to the July report of the Department of Agriculture, there has been a greater acreage, 75,689,000 acres being planted in corn this year, as against 75,130,000 acres last year, an increase of 3.5 per cent. Of its condition at the beginning of the month we are informed that it was 95 per cent. of an entirely good condition, as compared with 94 per cent. in 1885 and 96 in 1884. The great corn belt of the West is reported to be in medium to high condition, being best in Kansas. The largest increases in acreage are in Kansas, 20 per cent.; Dakota, 30 per cent., and Nebraska, 10 per cent. On the Atlantic Coast this crop is backward. It will be some time before anything definite is known concerning the outlook for this crop, which may still be a disappointment, but much needed rain has fallen since the report, and if the present conditions continue we may harvest the best crop of corn the country has ever raised.

Estimates of the wheat crop range from 390,000,000 to 425,000,000, the Chicago Tribune placing it at 400,000,000 bushels. The lower figure, that of the Prime Bureau, was based on estimates which did not take into account the large increase in California, which is placed at 70,000,000 bushels, or between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 more than usual. A great deal has been written lately on the damaging effect of the drought in the Northwest, which, however, affects only the spring wheat. The great winter wheat crop is safely harvested throughout the larger part of the area devoted to it, and 300,000,000 bushels is believed to be a conservative figure, against 210,000,000 bushels last year. It will be seen, therefore, that even a severe falling off in the yield from the increased damage of spring wheat cannot wipe away more than a part of this gain. Harvesting in the spring wheat crop has now begun.

According to the last report of the Department of Agriculture the increase in the area of cotton planted, viz., 1½ per cent. was more than counterbalanced by a decline in the average condition, being 86 on July 1, against 96 per cent. at the same time a year since. It is in the best condition west of the Mississippi. It will be seen from this brief summary of the situation that, so far as it is defined, the outlook is promising. It certainly does not justify the alarmist views which are put forward with so much persistency. We are passing through a critical time in some respects, and the developments of the next few weeks may justify some discouragement. But so far the prospects are fairly bright.

The iron trade has learned to study with great interest the reports of the earnings of the railroads, on the ground that they foreshadow whether or not manufacturers can expect plenty of orders from their best customers. It has been an encouraging feature that reports of earnings have become far more numerous during the past years, and that some companies who were prominent in withholding them have yielded to the pressure of public opinion and are keeping the financial world informed concerning the monthly fluctuations in their affairs. Un-

fortunately the growing demand for data of this kind appears to foster the desire of speculative directors to use them as a means to hoodwink the public. The old device of charging full rates on construction material for extensions and feeders has long since been discovered, and business men look with suspicion upon the returns from roads known to be active in building unless it is distinctly stated that sums transferred from one pocket to the other are not used to swell the totals. Recently the exigencies of the stock market have created another system of distorting the truth, and some of the granger roads are credited with having adopted it. Lead financial writers openly charge that some of these lately warring railroads have reported as their earnings the aggregate of their bills for freights, deliberately suppressing the fact that very large rebates are paid to shippers. They attempt to deceive the public into the belief that their earnings were not affected sensibly by the war, when in reality their actual receipts for services rendered have suffered a tremendous decline during the period preceding the truce now entered into. We call attention to this matter merely because it indicates that business men should not place too much faith in the official figures emanating from some quarters. A study of the railroad situation as revealed by monthly reports of earnings is valuable in its way, but it is evident that some discounts must be applied.

Our Trade with the Cape.

A prolonged drought, the decline in value of wool and diamonds, as well as less profit derived from ostrich farming, caused for the greater part of last year an unusual depression at the Cape of Good Hope. Fortunately a favorable change has set in for the past three months. Wool has recovered 25 per cent. in the world's markets, and diamonds are rising in spite of increased production at the mines. While the crisis lasted our domestic export declined last year to \$1,391,016, as against \$1,610,257 in the calendar year 1884, and we imported only \$1,464,410 worth of Cape products, against \$1,915,554 in 1884. Our chief import from the Cape is carpet wool in the grease, while we ship thither flour and the usual assortment of American goods. The Cape Colony, in spite of its frequent spells of drought, is a valuable possession of Great Britain on account of the great variety of its resources, its proximity to the southern part of South America, while holding a commanding position in South Africa not far from Aden and the Red Sea. The Cape and adjacent colony of Mauritius are situated handy even for trade with Bombay and Australia, thus constituting an important link in the chain of British colonial possessions. Add to this a healthy, moderate climate and the possibilities of attracting a farming population of bona fide settlers on a large scale eventually, and it must be confessed that few outlying points of civilization can boast of so many advantages.

It will be precisely 400 years on September 14 next when Bartolomeo Diaz, the Portuguese discoverer, landed in Algoa Bay, and 11 years later Vasco de Gama doubled the Cape. British ships visited it in 1591, and about 1602 the Dutch made it a place of call. In 1620 two English East India commanders took possession of the Cape in the name of Great Britain, but no settlement was formed. The Dutch East India Company took possession of Table Bay in 1652, and the Netherlands held the colony till 1806, when it was captured during the Napoleonic wars by a British force and ceded to the British crown in perpetuity by the general peace settlement of 1814. There have since been differences with the Boers, or original settlers from Holland, and several Kaffir wars, but these troubles have not prevented the colony from extending its territory, so that it now forms a compact whole, if we except the Orange River Free State in the north, and Kaffraria in the southeast.

The most important event in the history of the colony was the discovery of diamonds beyond the Orange River, which has undoubtedly been one of the main causes of its increase in prosperity in recent years. The measure of that prosperity may be judged from the fact that, while the shipping inward in 1870 amounted to 335 509 tons, in 1884 it amounted to 2,651,006 tons, and in the same period the imports, excluding specie, rose from £2,352,043 in value to £5,249,000. The value of exports in 1884 was £6,945,674, excluding specie, £86,070. The gross weight of diamonds (avoirdupois) contained in packages which passed through the post office at Kimberley is stated to be:

| | No. oz. | Estimated value. |
|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 1870..... | 773 1½ | \$1,897,532 |
| 1871..... | 908 15 | 2,115,427 |
| 1872..... | 1,150 .. | 2,672,744 |
| 1873..... | 1,174 4 | 2,846,631 |
| 1874..... | 1,440 12 | 3,367,897 |
| 1881..... | 1,408 .. | 4,176,302 |
| 1882..... | 1,666 .. | 5,922,508 |

The declared weight of diamonds exported in 1883 was £2,742,470, in 1884 £2,807,320, and in 1885 £2,489,778. The largest diamond known to have been found was 602 carats. The highest price given for a single rough stone was £8,000, being about £100 per carat.

The Cape colonists are chiefly employed in the production of wool, wine, wheat, barley, oats tobacco and Indian corn, and in the breeding of horses, cattle, goats, ostriches and sheep. The wheat of the colony is not surpassed in quality by any grown elsewhere. Valuable forests cover large areas and are extensively worked. Those reserved

to the crown cover an estimated area of about 250,000 acres. They are controlled by the Department of Woods and Forests, at an annual charge of some £10,000. The attention of the Government has recently been given to the economical and systematic working of the crown forests, with anticipated satisfactory results. Ostrich breeding is not now carried on so largely as heretofore. Artificial incubation of ostrich eggs has been successfully introduced in many districts. In 1860 the export of ostrich feathers was 2287 pounds; 10 years later it was 28,768 pounds, while in 1884 it amounted to 233,411 pounds. The exports of mohair at corresponding dates were respectively 385 pounds, 403,153 pounds and 4,329,355 pounds. The export of wool has risen from 23,172,785 pounds in 1860 to 37,270,615 pounds in 1884.

Considerable advance has been made during the past year in developing the coal deposits in the Stormberg, on the Northeastern frontier. The coal is shown to be of a superior quality, and is found to be fairly suitable for railway purposes, experiments made by the Government with the view of testing the practicability of using it on the colonial lines having resulted on the whole favorably. The promotion of a company to work the mines at Spriggton and to lay a branch line from the Eastern Railway to the coal pits will doubtless tend to the rapid advancement of this industry. Mining operations on a large scale are carried on in the division of Namaqualand, where extensive copper deposits exist. The O'okiep Mine, the property of the Cape Copper Mining Company, Limited, is one of the richest mines in the world, the percentage of copper being 33. Between this mine and the seaport, Port Nolloth, a distance of 93 miles, a narrow-gauge railway has been laid by the company named at a cost of £158,100. Cape copper production is estimated at 5000 tons fine, made by the Cape Copper Company, and 450 tons by the Namaqua Copper Company. A rich mine of manganese ore, yielding from 70 to 90 per cent., exists in the mountains opposite the Paarl, a town distant about 35 miles by rail from Cape Town. Guano is found in large quantities on the various islets along the coast, and the collection and exportation of it forms a very remunerative industry. The leases of these islands bring in an annual rental of from £6000 to £7000.

The present population of the colony is 800,000. Cape Town has a population of 50,000; Kimberly, 13,590; Port Elizabeth, 13,040. There were last year 989 schools, with 75,713 scholars. The railway mileage open for traffic, which in December, 1883, was 1213 miles, was raised during 1884 to 1453 miles, the capital expended on purchase, construction and equipment to that date being £12,104,757. In 1885 the colony possessed railways of an aggregate length of 1520 miles. The profit on the workings for 1884 was £327,462 net.

The revenue in 1883-84 was £7,533,592, the expenditure £5,374,982; in 1884-85 the revenue had declined to £3,855,625. Government indebtedness in 1885, £20,357,935; corporate ditto, £1,163,867.

Trade Movement, Excluding Specie and Diamonds.

| | Import. | Export. |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 1875..... | \$3,781,319 | \$4,308,544 |
| 1884..... | 5,249,000 | 4,138,345 |

The maritime movement is shown in the following table:

| | Shipping inward. | | Shipping outward. | |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| | Vessels. | Tonnage. | Vessels. | Tonnage. |
| 1875..... | 1,659 | 900,886 | 1,387 | 898,436 |
| 1884..... | 1,928 | 2,651,006 | 1,955 | 2,671,111 |

The large steamships of the Union Steamship Company and the Castle Mail Packets Company keep up weekly communication with England, the average passage being 20 days, touching at Madeira, and alternately at St. Helena and Ascension. There are besides several lines of coasting steamers.

It would lead us too far to enumerate the many public works other than railways, especially those connected with harbor improvements at Cape Town and Port Elizabeth; suffice it to say that Cape Colony is one of the most completely equipped colonies of Great Britain, and that American trade has good prospects of business there in years of ordinary prosperity. Bordering on Namaqualand, north of the Orange River, on the West Coast, the Germans have acquired a colony, and sanguine expectations were entertained about the copper which the colony of Angra Pequena, in Great Namaqualand, was stated to abound in. All illusion on the subject has been dispelled. The Teutonic Imperial Commissioner has sent in a minute description of the resources and capabilities of this part of the West African Coast, and has to confess that the expected mineral yield is worth little, that the country is not fitted for agriculture, and, worst of all, that there is absolutely no water throughout Great Namaqualand. The only way to provide a water supply is to dam up the rivers in the mountains, so as to form reservoirs before the streams are lost in the country below, like the Boers have done in South Africa. On the other hand, cattle and horses can be raised profitably, and, according to the commissioner, the prosperity of the colony depends solely on this point.

Among the leading manufacturers who testified before the Royal Commission on Trade Depression in Great Britain was Mr. Thomas Edward Vickers, of Sheffield, connected with the steel firm bearing his name. Mr. Vickers spoke feelingly of the loss of

their most valuable market, the United States, by the growth of the American works fostered by a protective tariff. Questioned closely he finally made the admission contained in the following:

"If the price of a certain quality of steel at Sheffield is £40 per ton, and if the price of the same manufacture in America were £42 per ton, you could not, of course, export?"

"It would be impossible to compete with them."

"Because the duty would bring yours up to £38 16/- per ton, while theirs would be £42?"

"Yes."

"Therefore it does not follow that the consumers pay the extra price represented by the duty?"

"Certainly not. They do not pay anything like the amount that is represented by the duty, because the works have been established, and their proprietors must now manufacture at a low price in order to keep the works going; they do not manufacture at a large profit."

"The effect of the American tariff is to keep your goods out, without raising the price in America to the consumer to anything like the amount represented by the duty?"

"That is so now; it was not so in the past."

Professor Bonamy Price: "But do you believe that the word 'now' is to go on?"

"I believe the duty in the past has fostered the building of these works; these works are there and must be kept going."

"At a profit?"

"At a profit or no profit, they must keep them going."

"What I wanted to know was this: whether, supposing the tariff not acting, the works are in the state that they would have been in if they had no duty as far as the steel goes?"

"I believe at the present time they are paying no more for their steel than they would be if they had no duty."

Testimony like this should be convincing to our free traders, since it comes from a manufacturer who has cause to deplore deeply the course of our Government in depriving him of his best outlet. It is not often that disappointed men like the Sheffield steel maker are willing acknowledge the truth.

Minority Representation in Corporations.

That much of the business of the country formerly transacted by single individuals or partnerships is rapidly going to a corporate basis is a striking and suggestive fact. It is not surprising that large enterprises, such as railroads, steamships, telegraphs, and, generally speaking, all kinds of business which require an expensive plant and large amounts of capital, should be conducted by incorporated companies with capital stock. No one individual or firm could or would furnish capital sufficient to carry on these colossal undertakings of themselves. Without the expedient of incorporation the most useful and beneficial schemes would fall to the ground. What the capital of a few men cannot accomplish the accumulated earnings of hundreds and thousands can accomplish. A great deal is said about the oppression of corporations, and the word is in many minds synonymous with odious monopoly. This may be true of some classes of corporations, and more especially of those which are engaged in the business of transportation; but a corporation is far from being an evil thing in itself. On the contrary, a legitimate corporation, properly managed, is an instrument which is often indispensable in working out valuable results. But the growth of corporations during the last 20 years has been something phenomenal. The law has extended the branches of business which may be incorporated until at the present time scarcely any is excepted or denied the privilege. The smallest enterprises, those needing but little capital, are incorporated every day. Partnerships are thus transformed where there would seem to be no necessity for the change. Every valuable invention gives rise to a "company," and individuals are swallowed up and lost in the corporations which they organize.

What are the peculiar advantages which tempt business men to this method of transacting their affairs, for there can be no doubt that the system is becoming more and more popular? In the first place there is the feature of limited liability for debts. An individual does not risk his private fortune by carrying on business in this way. Men who are not willing to risk everything as partners are at the same time perfectly willing to take their chances of success with limited amounts. Then, again, the system of capital stock enables the incorporators to raise money in cases where otherwise they could not, by the sale of stock. Indeed, in many instances, companies have been organized for no other purpose than to sell stock to unwary investors for the profit of the organizers alone. But whatever may be the advantages and merits of incorporation, it has many defects and is peculiarly prone to abuse. The absence of individual responsibility frequently leads to disregard for the rights of others, and it is notorious that corporations do what a single man or a firm of partners would not dare to attempt. The feature of limited liability, unless the corporation has large resources, has had the effect oftentimes of diminishing the confidence which would otherwise be felt in the financial responsibility of the company, and in this way tends to limit credits readily accorded to a firm. Gilt-edged security is demanded on loans and advances, and the company itself is thus hampered by the rule which seems to have been devised exclusively for the protection of the stockholders. Moreover, the powers of a company are limited by its charter, and the validity of its acts depends upon the authority thus conferred upon it.

It is difficult often to say whether the obligations and debts of a company con-

tracted by its officers can be enforced against it, as those officers may have exceeded the powers given to them by the by-laws. Nothing is more frequent than repudiation by companies of notes, &c., given by its officers and the consequent litigation. The courts have held again and again that persons dealing with a corporation are bound and presumed to know its charter and by-laws, and to contract in relation to them. If there is any want of authority or any defect or irregularity in the proceedings the creditor may be restricted to his remedy against the individual officer alone. And it is well known that many small corporations, acting without legal advice, fall into serious errors and act in entire disregard or ignorance of the law. In fact, the method of doing business properly under incorporation is so complicated and so exposed to danger that the disadvantages would seem to outweigh the advantages in cases where the business could be carried on in any other way.

As to the internal management of the company—as between the stockholders themselves—there are certain evils inherent in the present system which are liable to work injustice, and principal among these is the rule that the majority of stock shall control and that the minority, no matter how large, shall have no voice in the management and no representation in the board of trustees or directors. It is true that the majority should have the greater influence and power, but it is neither just nor expedient that by a majority of perhaps one vote the preponderating interest should have the exclusive and almost absolute control of the property and interests of a minority which is practically just as large, and which has substantially the same amount at stake as the majority. It is in the power of this majority to wreck the corporation, or at least to manage it for their own interests as opposed to the interests of the other stockholders. Under forms of law they are in a position to absorb the earnings by electing themselves officers of the company and then as trustees voting these earnings to themselves as salaries. And meanwhile the minority is bound to remain silent and has no right to object. It can obtain no protection from the courts, and it is completely at the mercy of the men in power. It is in this way that the practice of "freezing out" is possible. The value of the stock can be so depressed as to make it absolutely worthless. Those who have been induced by specious promises and gilded representations to invest their money in the enterprise find themselves deserted and betrayed and without any means of redress. And under such circumstances they finally become willing to get out of the company at any sacrifice, and let their stock go for whatever the conspirators may see fit to offer. They know well that no dividends will ever be declared as long as they remain stockholders.

While this scheme of legalized robbery has been practiced quite generally in railroad and similar corporations, there are many instances where it has been applied in the case of manufacturing and business companies. A firm which was organized a few years ago for the manufacture of axe handles was composed of three members, the senior partner contributing all the capital to the amount of \$15,000. He was induced by his partners to incorporate the business, giving them a majority of the stock. Since that time he has not received any part of the profits of the business either as dividends or in any other way, nor is there any method by which he can obtain his rights. So far, indeed, has this abuse of corporate power gone that it is becoming more and more difficult to induce men to connect themselves with corporate enterprises unless they are to have control or be allied with the controlling interest. In Colorado it is said that there have been comparatively few corporations organized in the last few years simply on this account.

The remedy for this would be some adjustment whereby the minority would be entitled to representation in the direction. Precisely in what manner this is to be effected without violating the rights of the majority is a very delicate question. It might be possible to have the trustees elected, not on a single ticket, but by sections of stock, a certain number of shares being entitled to elect one trustee. In this way the minority by combination would be able to have its proportionate share of trustees, the majority of stock, however, still retaining the majority in the board of direction. The New York business corporation act provides a somewhat similar method. Some inconveniences might flow from this system, as there might be a deadlock in the election of the third or fifth trustee in cases where the majority and the minority are opposed to each other. But even this could be avoided by giving the majority the power to elect the odd trustee. But the cases where there would be trouble of this kind would be few. The safeguard given to the minority by the induction of even a single member into the councils of the company would be sufficient. Some expedient of this kind seems to be desirable, and there is no reason why the laws should not be changed so as to work out this result.

Liquid fuel is still made the subject of much discussion, especially in England, where the advantages to be derived from its successful use have been very extensively

recognized. As a practical substitute for coal, however, for steam raising, the introduction of the fuel has repeatedly been shown to depend largely upon the question of cost, and it is to this, therefore, that attention should now be principally directed. The available source of supply and the means and expense of delivery of the oil to points where it is to be used figure very prominently in the question of economy, a fact which seems to have been overlooked in many cases where trials have been made. The causes of the disappointing results are therefore at once apparent. Under the circumstances it is a matter of general interest to note that in Southern Russia, where the experience with the oil has been probably more extensive than in any other quarter, the matter of cheap transportation facilities is being carefully considered, and there is a promise of early developments which will have an important bearing on the petroleum industry there. It is more than probable that Baku, the principal source of the petroleum supply, will be connected with Batoum, on the Caspian Sea, by a pipe line especially intended for conveying the fuel and furnishing it to consumers at a price much below that now ruling. After what has already been done in that quarter in applying the oil in steam boiler furnaces it is not difficult to see what the effect of the proposed undertaking will be. Steam users generally will have reason to closely watch the developments, and should find in them some things of interest and profit to themselves.

Prospects of the Panama Canal.

A sharp attack against the Panama Canal management has been made by Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, editor of the *Economiste Français*, with the object of showing that the present management is incapable of carrying out the enterprise and of proposing means to relieve it of its burdens. The burden of M. Leroy-Beaulieu's argument is that the Panama Canal is being gradually, but surely, crushed by enormous interest charges and general expenses. To-day, deducting the net receipts for the Panama Railroad, the annual needs for the two items in question are not less than 45,000,000 francs. When the proposed additional loan, on which there is so much quarrel just now, of 600,000,000 francs has been placed, the charge will rise to 55,000,000 next year, to 70,000,000 the year following and 85,000,000 or 90,000,000 francs in the third year. Thus, assuming that the completion of the canal requires seven or eight years, the new loan of 600,000,000 would hardly suffice to pay simply general expenses and interest accruing during the period named, without a spade of earth being turned over. But, even if this were not true, there is no guarantee whatever that the new loan, even according to the guarded statements of the company's engineers, will suffice to complete the work. They state that the 600,000,000 francs will suffice to carry the enterprise to such a point that there would be no doubt as to the final success, and that success would be assured by a final effort which could then be accurately gauged. It is not even clear whether in putting itself on record in this manner the Commission Technique Supérieure does not mean that 600,000,000 francs actually expended in work on the canal would accomplish what they hope, when in reality only half that sum, under the most favorable circumstances, will be available for excavation at the isthmus. M. Leroy-Beaulieu scouts the idea of comparing the Panama with the Suez, so far as its net revenues in the first years after its completion is concerned, when at the present rate a total outlay of 2,000,000,000 francs, the greater part of it borrowed at 7 per cent., will not complete it.

The editor of the *Economiste Français* concludes from this crushing review that private enterprise cannot cope with so colossal an undertaking. He believes that an appeal must be made to the leading powers, the United States particularly, as being the most interested in the completion of the work. He does not want the different Governments to advance funds, which he knows would be promptly refused. All that he urges is that they guarantee interest, not on past issues of capital, but on the sums to be raised to complete the work. The Panama Canal Company, instead of being forced to borrow at 7½ per cent., or cost of negotiations included 8 to 8½ per cent., could obtain money at 3½ to 3¾ per cent. The powers would not have to pay out any money during construction, the interest being paid out of capital, as heretofore—a vicious system, by the way, which has done much to place the company in the position it now finds itself. After the opening of the canal the Governments joining in the guarantee would be called upon to prorrate the deficiency between income and expenditures on the basis of the tonnage of each. Advances thus made are to be returned from the profits of later years. There can be no doubt that sooner or later the blind obstinacy of M. de Lesseps and his supporters will put the Panama Canal enterprise in a position where Government interference will become necessary, after having impoverished thousands of people of moderate means in France. The United States is not likely to rush to the rescue now or then, and yet that idea is being industriously fostered in France, to judge from the utterances of men supposed to be well informed. Thus the well-

known Paris correspondent of the *London Times* says: "It being certain that if France abandons the enterprise America will take it up and complete it for her own exclusive profit, it cannot be supposed that the Chamber will debar the shareholders from their chance of sooner or later being recouped for their outlay when the canal begins, like that of Suez, to realize profits. The inference is, therefore, that, despite all the difficulties springing up in the company's way, the bill will pass the Chamber, who can scarcely pretend to be more mindful of the subscribers' interests than the subscribers themselves are." This looks as though a fancied eagerness on the part of the United States to perch on the wreck of the Panama Canal Company is used to hector the French Government into its support. Americans will want much better assurances as to the practicability of such engineering feats as the great dam before they will touch M. de Lesseps' scheme. That great promoter has grown angry lately at the skeptical spirit abroad. He was asked by a special committee of the French Chamber of Deputies to submit a balance-sheet and copies of agreements with contractors before they would consent to report favorably on the lottery issue. This was too much for the old man, whose head has been turned by flattery, and he has decided to give up the lottery issue scheme and to raise the many millions by a direct appeal. He may succeed, but then only by offering the bonds at a fearful discount, which will only add to the burdens which are gradually but surely swamping the enterprise.

Spiral or Screw Flood Wheels.*

These wheels are very seldom used or seen in this country, and, in fact, they are but little known, and the principle upon which they act but little understood or appreciated. Their principle of action is the same as the screw propeller, which has in a measure superseded the paddle-wheel in steamboats—the difference being that the propeller is driven round (revolved) by the steam engine, and its oblique vanes forced against the dead water behind, thus pushing forward itself, and everything connected with it, while the screw water-wheel is located and remains in its place, and is driven or revolved by the force of the passing current against its oblique vanes, and transmits this motion through the gearing to any machinery attached to it. To comprehend this similarity better, take a screw propeller and place its axis upon suitable bearings, and parallel with the stream in a strong uninterrupted current, and entirely submerged, and it will furnish a motive-power to drive machinery, the amount of power being in proportion to the area of the vanes and the force and velocity of the passing current. These remarks are only intended to illustrate the similarity of the two principles, and not to recommend the propeller as a suitable flood-wheel, because the action of each being exactly contrary to the other, like the steam engine and force pump, requires a modification in structure and details to fit either and each to its particular purpose.

We have put in several of these wheels to drive light machinery sometimes in comparatively small rivers, and never failed to get the full power calculated and required. As little could be learned from the experience of others with regard to these wheels, we had recourse to experiment, and found that much more power could be obtained by making separate detached vanes or wings, thinned off at the edges—like the blade of an Indian paddle—than by placing a close continuous thread of a screw around the shaft the entire length. The reason of this is, that the first or up-stream end of the solid screw breaks the force and spreads the current, so that little or nothing is gained by extending the screw and shaft further down stream; while detached vanes, like those referred to, allow the water to pass on each side, which keeps up a continuous flow of current clear to the shaft. This current, though partially checked by the vanes, is restored by mingling with the uninterrupted current all around, and ready to act with full force upon other detached vanes, placed further down on the shaft; and by extending the shaft, and a judicious distribution of these vanes or paddles along its whole length, a portion of the force and velocity may be abstracted from a large volume of water and applied to any useful purpose, giving a power sufficient for a grist or a saw mill or any ordinary machinery. The whole-thread screw checks only a volume equal to its own area, and does not get the full benefit of that, owing to the dead water behind the vanes, against which they work.

When such wheels are made to work in a rapid current the vanes may be set more obliquely in the direction of the stream, but for a current comparatively slow the ends should point nearly across the stream. In all cases they should be "weathered" in regular proportion as they approach the shaft (center)—that is, a kind of mold-board twist, like the vanes or sails of a windmill, which gives to the inner end, moving slowly in a small circle, considerable obliquity, and diminishes it gradually toward the outer end, which moves swiftly and in a large circle, and here the face of the vane or sail should stand nearly in the direction of the plane of its motion. The motion is sometimes taken from these wheels to the machinery by an endless chain, composed of alternate open and close links, graduated to the same equal step, and working around and connecting two clutch-wheels, one upon the wheel in the water, the other upon the machinery to be driven. These have projecting clutches or cogs around their circumference at equal distances, corresponding with the open links of the chain, which step into these to prevent it slipping, like the chain in a tread-horse power or the feed chain in a gang sawmill. Light machinery

* From Crank's "Practical Miller and Millwright."

may be driven by an ordinary short-link cable chain by turning out a groove in both wheel and pulley for it to work in. If the chain be short or nearly perpendicular it must be furnished with a tightener, because it stretches fast, especially when first used. There are so many links (joints) that a little wear in each is multiplied considerably in the whole length. If the chain be of some length and nearly horizontal it will not require a tightener. It is not equal to a belt for swift, light motion, but answers well for a slow, heavy motion, and can be used in the water, where a belt is useless.

Such chain gearing, for the purpose under consideration, answers well in warm weather, but is an everlasting source of trouble in frosty weather, as it is continually carrying up water sufficient to cover with ice everything within the reach of its influence. For this reason it is better to place a narrow-rimmed cog-wheel around the down-stream end, and take the motion from this by a pinion and shaft. This is more reliable at any time than the chain, and gives no trouble with the ice, the lower end of the shaft and pinion being—like the water-wheel itself—wholly under water; the only part exposed to ice is at the surface of the water. The whole structure must be guarded by a boom or breakwater, placed obliquely upstream above it, to shoot floating ice or flood-wood past. If a gear-wheel of large size be placed on the water-wheel its arms should be placed at an angle and weathered, like the vanes or paddles; it will then help as much as hinder the revolutions of the wheel. Mills of this kind driven by the current of a river have been common in some parts of Holland for several generations. These Dutch mills are sometimes built to float upon the water, and can be moved at pleasure to any other suitable locality. They are anchored in a rapid of the stream, or made fast to the shore, and provided with a gangway to communicate with the land; when custom begins to fail in one place they remove to another, and thus possess a decided advantage over mills built upon terra firma.

The first machinery that we ever saw driven by a wheel of this kind was a grist mill of three run of stones. It was built upon the Genesee River, perhaps midway between the city of Rochester and the Alleghenies. It was before the Genesee Valley Canal was made, and boats passed up and down the river past the mill. The mill was built with one end on the bank, which was perhaps 24 feet high; here the door communicated with the road; the other end projected over the river, and was supported upon naked posts. In the rapid under this projecting end of the mill the flood-wheel was placed. A bevel pinion, without arms, was placed upon the down-stream end of its wooden shaft, and another wooden shaft, with a corresponding pinion gearing into the first one, stood up perpendicularly from this end, both shafts having their bearings in the same wooden block; this perpendicular shaft reached up to the mill floor, and had a large spur-wheel at the proper distance from the upper end, around which the three run of stones were placed and by which they were driven. The shaft of the water-wheel was 8 or 9 feet long, and 15 inches in diameter. The screw was of one continuous thread, standing out something over 2 feet from the shaft, and was composed of pieces 2½ or 3 inches thick, each piece being narrow at the end next to the shaft, and spreading out wide at the outer end to close and complete the circuit. They appeared to have been split out of a winding or twisted tree, which gave nearly the required weathering or mold-board shape with little dressing, and the narrow end of each piece was tenoned and mortised into the shaft. A wide bar of iron was bent and fitted to the proper shape, and spiked securely around the outer edge of this continuous screw, thus fastening the outer ends of all the pieces composing it together, and making one piece help another. This wheel was inclosed in a plank box, open at both ends and top, except when a large gate closing the whole up-stream end was shut down to stop it. This stopped the current through the box, and the wheel stopped still; when the gate was raised the current was renewed and the wheel started.

In a letter to the Knights of Labor of Chicago, Rev. R. Heber Newton concludes: "Labor seems to me to be making a radical mistake in using its new powers of organization, first of all, to attack capital. I do not think the way out of its present situation lies through such a path. I believe that it should use its new-found powers of organization to promote the education of its members, to train them in powers of association, and then turn their forces into the political field, not as a labor party running national candidates, &c., but with the view of bringing the needful influences to bear upon practical reforms which legislation might achieve. There are many of them, and the abuses in question are very patent; and these abuses being remedied and these improvements made, labor's condition would be vastly better for the larger contests it would then have to wage."

A traffic contract between the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio, Reading and Jersey Central companies is said to be nearly consummated, enabling the first-mentioned to do their business directly with New York without the necessity of carrying the Staten Island scheme into effect. Under arrangements for the common use of the several tracks all are entitled to equal privileges, but it is believed that the usual pro-rating system will be employed. Central has four tracks from Bound Brook to New York, and has ample facilities for carrying all the Baltimore and Ohio business.

Mr. E. C. Cracknell, superintendent of telegraphs for New South Wales, proposes the adoption of a new plan with the view of obviating the inconveniences caused by the large number of telegraph wires suspended on poles in the streets of Sydney. By this system he proposes to remove the wires from mid-air and to inclose them in a case resembling a frieze, to be placed close to the buildings. The frieze will be supported by pillars about 4 feet high, sunk in the ground to the depth of 4 or 5 feet. Connecting these pillars are cast iron

beams 18 inches wide, called friezes, and behind them are to be placed eight racks for holding cables, which are clusters of 50 wires embedded in an insulating substance and coated with cement. They make a cable of 1 inch in diameter. It is estimated that the rack will hold 400 wires easily. On reaching the street crossings the racks will be made to descend to the level of the road, and will be carried underground to the other side, where they will rise to the previous level. A section of the new line is about to be erected.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20, 1886.

The adverse report of Mr. Morrison on the Randall bill is still the subject of a great deal of adverse criticism, even among his friends. They feel that it does not cover the ground; that instead of being a defense of the free trade policy as formulated in that direction by his own bill, it is really an invective against Mr. Randall. It was proposed by the free traders to regard this report as a substitute for the caucus address suggested when the Morrison bill was knocked out of time by the rejection of the motion to consider. It does not fill the want; accordingly, it is now proposed to prepare such a document with special reference to the campaign.

RANDALL'S PLANS.

There is much speculation in reference to Mr. Randall's plans in regard to his own bill. It was expected that he would have something to say on the subject last week. A number of Representatives of both parties gathered about him when he took the floor to speak upon the Morrison surplus resolution. He supported that proposition, greatly to the surprise of his friends, not on account of his relations with its author, but as a safe doctrine of finance. At the conclusion of his remarks, without referring to his tariff bill, he replied to an inquiry that he would take that subject up in a parliamentary way. It has been inferred that that meant in committee of the whole. The friends of Mr. Randall are anxious for him to say something in support of his bill, as their opposition to that of Morrison and introduction of one of their own, they think, needs some explanatory remarks for use in the campaign, and to place them properly before the country. These gentlemen do not desire to be viewed in the light of creating factional opposition, and for that reason are anxious to have Mr. Randall state their position on the question of protection as against free trade.

ADJOURNMENT.

There is much speculation upon the subject of adjournment. The session has already reached a duration beyond the average of former Congresses, and with few exceptions even beyond the term of sessions in times of war or other great national emergencies. It is now supposed that the two Houses will be prepared to get away some time between August 1 and 5. This date will leave many important measures undisposed of. An effort is being made to hurry up the new ship bill, even at the reduced amount, so as to have that necessary work begun.

THE NEW CRUISERS.

Secretary Whitney announces that for one of the new cruisers authorized by the last Congress he has purchased and adopted the plans on which the principal steel cruiser for the Japanese Government has been constructed by Wm. Armstrong & Co., of England. The plans are for one unarmored cruiser of 3730 tons, built after the model of the *Naniway-Kan*; one poop and forecastle deck cruiser of 4000 tons; one heavily-armored gunboat of 1700 tons, and one light armored gunboat of 870 tons. All but the first mentioned are planned by the Bureau of the Navy Department.

The great cantilever bridge across the Ohio River, connecting the cities of Louisville, Ky., and New Albany, Ind., is finally completed. On Thursday, the 15th, it was tested by the builders and owners. A train of about 15 cars, heavily loaded with stone, drawn by two huge Mogul engines of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, each weighing 90 tons, coupled together in the middle, was run across the bridge and back. Forty wagons loaded with pig iron were on the bridge at the time. The train was afterward run at ordinary rate of speed and suddenly stopped in the center of each span. The test, we understand, was entirely satisfactory. The bridge accommodates foot passengers, wagons and street cars, the railroad track being in the center, and inclosed with high walls of planking.

By decree of the Supreme Court of Orange County the extensive mining and furnace property of the Parrott Iron Company is to be sold for the benefit of creditors. The property in question comprises about 8000 acres of land in Orange and Rockland Counties and in the towns of Monroe, Highlands, Warwick, Blooming Grove and Haverstraw, and includes the Greenwood Works iron furnaces, houses for workmen and other buildings attached; also the O'Neill, Mount Bashan, Hogenkamp, Bull and Warwick iron mines, and the railroads and rolling stock and fixtures and improvements of every kind belonging to the company. The sale is the outcome of the company's failure and assignment of property for the benefit of creditors in April, 1885.

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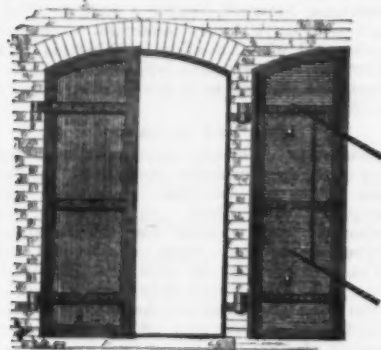


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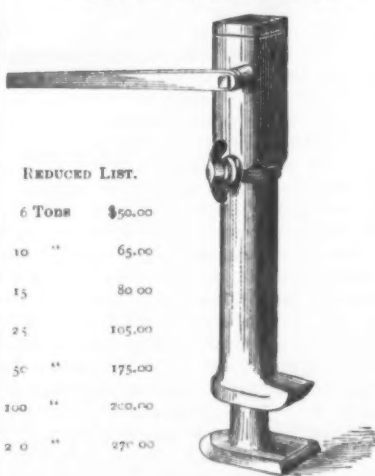
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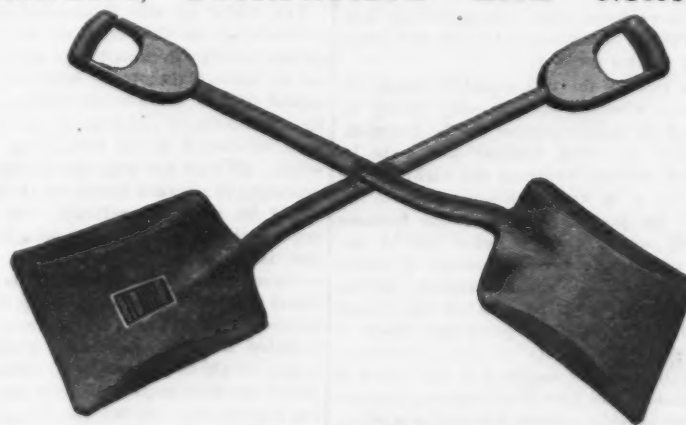
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Union Hdw. Co., Torrington, Conn., 31

Hardware, Theoretical.
Clancy, J. W., New Britain, Conn., 31
Martin Samuel, 127 Eighth av., N. Y., 31

Harness Snaps.
Coverly Mfg. Co., West Troy, N. Y., 31
Myers P. & Bro., Ashland, O., 31

Hay Ricks.
Hiram Holt & Co., East Willton, Me., 31
Hayne Wayne Co., Hallowell, Me., 31

Hinges.
Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn., 31
Union Mfg. Co., 103 Chambers, N. Y., 31

Hoes.
Canton Hoe and Tool Co., Canton, Ohio, 31

Hoe, Ringers.
Chambers, Sterling & Quinlan Co., Decatur, Ill., 31

Rolling Machines.
Box Alfred & Co., 314 Green, Phila., 31
Harrington R., Son & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Hick & Dickson, Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Sellers Wm. & Co., Philadelphia, and 79 Liberty St., N. Y., 31
The Wire Goods Co., Bridgeport, Conn., 31

Hooks (Cotton & Bale).
New York Handle & Nail Works, 456 E. Houston, N. Y., 31

Horse Nails, Makers of.
Boller & Co., West Co., Appleton, Wis., 31
National Horse Nail Co., Vergennes, Vt., 31

Horse Naps and Files.
Boller & Co., West Co., Appleton, Wis., 31

Horse Shoes, Makers.
Rhode Island Horse Shoe Co., Providence, R. I., 31

Hose and Pipe Co.
Troy, N. Y., 31

Band, Farmer & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Hose Carriages.
Danielsonville, Conn., 31

Hot-Blast Stoves.
Witherow James P., Pittsburgh, Pa., 31
Baker & Co., New York, N. Y., 31
Tucker & Dorsey Mfg. Co., Indianapolis, Ind., 31

Hydrants, &c.
Bicycle Light & 296 Monroe, S. Y., 31

Hydraulic Jacks.
Richard Duncan, 24 Columbia, N. Y., 31
Cox Sanders, 293 Warren, N. Y., 31
Watson & Hillman, 324 E. 45d, N. Y., 31

Ice Box Fasteners.
Conroy, F. J., Philadelphia, Pa., 31

Ice Grips.
White Mountain Freezer Co., Nashua, N. H., 31

Ice Grips.
Ice Grip Co., Phila., Pa., 31

Indicators.
Montgomery & Co., 105 Fulton, N. Y., 31

Inspection, Boiler.
Aller Ames, 109 Liberty, N. Y., 31

Insurance, Boiler.
Inspection & Insurance Co., 31

Iron, Manufacturers' Agents.
John Jones, Jr., & Co., 323 Walnut, Phila., 31
Hicks & Dickson, Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Hoffman J. W. & Co., 208 S. 4th, Phila., 31
Levy Henry & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Alan Wood Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Burden Iron Co., Troy, N. Y., 31
Cox Jones, Jr., West Co., Appleton, Wis., 31
Kirkpatrick & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., 31
Moorehead & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., 31
Montour Iron & Steel Co., Danville, Va., 31
Plymouth Rolling Mill Co., 31
Boschen, Pa., 31
Pottville Iron & Steel Co., Pottville, Pa., 31
Riverside Iron Works, Wheeling, W. Va., 31
The Passaic Rolling Mill Co., Paterson, N. J., 31
The Wilmet & Hobbs Mfg. Co., Bridgeport, Conn., 31
Tyrone Iron Co., Tyrone, Pa., 31
Whitney A. R. & Co., 58 Hudson, N. Y., 31
Lewander & Co., Boston, Mass., 31

Iron Brokers.
Etting Edward J., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Walbaum W. H., Philadelphia, Pa., 31

Iron Commission Merchants.
John L. Hogan, Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Hart Wm. R. & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Lundberg Gustaf, Boston, Mass., 31
Mohr J. J., 480 Walnut, Philadelphia, Pa., 31

Iron Dealers.
Abel Brothers, 190 South, N. Y., 31
Bonnett, Botsford & Co., Boston, Mass., 31
Borden & Lovell, 70 and 71 West, N. Y., 31
Cox Jones, Jr., West Co., Appleton, Wis., 31
Eberick & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Hart, Wm. R. & Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Hoffman J. W. & Co., 208 S. 4th, Phila., 31
Hudson B. F., 457 and 458 Water, N. Y., 31
Lindsay & Farvin, Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Lundberg Gustaf, 38 Kilby, Boston, 31
Naylor & Co., 90 John, N. Y., 31
Ogden & Wallace, 82 to 91 Elm, N. Y., 31
Pullman J. Wesley, Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Wallace Wm. H. & Co., Albany & Wren, 31
Linton Street, N. Y., 31
Whitney A. R. & Co., 17 Broadway, N. Y., 31

Iron Founders.
Lebanon, Pa., 31
Pottville, Pa., 31

Iron Figs, Importers of.
Abot-Jere & Co. (Swedish), New York & 31
Page, Newell & Co., Boston, Mass., 31
Williamson James & Co., 63 Wall, N. Y., 31
Alan Wood Co., Philadelphia, Pa., 31
Everson, Hammond & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., 31
Standard Iron Co., Bridgeport, Conn., 31
W. D. Wood & Co., Limited, Pittsburgh, Pa., 31

Iron, Steel and Nails.
Cliff, N. Y., 31

Ironwork, Ornamental.
Champion Iron Fence Co., Kenton, O., 31
The Ryer, N. Y., 31

Keys.
Kennek J. T., Chicago, Ill., 31

Kiln Sharpeners.
Farkin W. H., Cleveland, Ohio 31

Lamp Stoves.
H. S. Allen & Co., 115 John, N. Y., 31

Lamp Stoves.
Harrington E. & Son, Philadelphia, 31
Sexton, May & Co., Cincinnati, O., 31

Lawn Mowers.
Blair Mfg. Co., Springfield, Mass., 31
Haines S. A. & Co., 88 Chambers, N. Y., 31
The Ryer, N. Y., 31

Lead Pipe Cutters.
L. T. Soule & Co., Brockton, Mass., 31

Lemon Squeezers.
Moulton W. F., Burlington, Vt., 31

Levels.
Richardson C. F., Athol, Mass., 31
Diets & E. P., Chambers, N. Y., 31
Ireland Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O., 31
Smith & Egan Mfg. Co., Reading, Pa., 31

J. E. Quackenbush & Sons, 535 Eighth
St., N. Y. 1
Stoddard Lock Co., Saybrook, Conn. 1
The Charles Parker Co., Meriden, Conn. 3
Vanderbilt Machine Co., 129 Centre, N. Y. 1
**Locomotive Cylinder Boring Ma-
chines.**
L. Flanders Machine Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 3
Machinery.
Add Johnson & Son, New Haven, Conn. 4
Barker Wm. & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. 4
Bend & Co., N. York, Rockford, Ill. 4
Deming & Waterbury, Conn. 4
Dickson Mfg. Co., Scranton and Wilkes-
Barre, Pa. 4
Gibson & Co., 120 Centre, N. Y. 4
Harrington E. & Son, Philadelphia, Pa. 4
Hendy Machine Co., Torrington, Conn. 4
Hobbs & Co., 120 Centre, N. Y. 4
Pittsburgh Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. 4
Sellers Wm. & Co., Philadelphia, and 79
Centre, N. Y. 4
Southwick Foundry and Machine Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa. 4
Stokely & Harrison Machine Co., Philadel-
phia, Pa. 4
Stow Flexible Shaft Co., Ltd., Phila-
delphia, Pa. 4
The S. F. Parker Press Co., Middle-
town, Conn. 4
Union Foundry & Pullman Car Wheel
Works, Chicago, Ill. 4
Watson & Fawcett, Torrington, Conn. 4
Co., Waterbury, Conn. 4
Wetherill Robert & Co., Chester, Pa. 4
Machinists' Scales.
C. C. Light & Co., Syracuse, N. Y. 1
Machinists' Tools and Supplies.
Blaisdell P. & Co., Worcester, Mass. 1
Harrington E. & Son, Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
King J. M. & Co., Waterford, N. Y. 1
Loomis & Co., Philadelphia, and 79
Centre, N. Y. 1
Malleable Iron Castings.
Woodruff, Miller & Co., Mt. Carmel, Ct. 3
Mallets.
N. Y. Handle & Mallet Works, 456 E. 8th,
Housatonic, Conn. 1
Pendell Block Co., Lockport, N. Y. 1
Measuring Faucets.
Lane Bros., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 1
Measuring Tapes.
Eddy Geo. E. & Co., 353 Claason av.,
Brooklyn, N. Y. 1
Metals.
Dixon and Van Dusen & Co., 29 and 31
Chit, N. Y. 1
Taylor & Co., 99 John, N. Y. 1
Belts, Dodge & Co., Cliff st., N. Y. 1
Benton & Co., 512 Arch, Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Metallurgists.
Booth, Garrett & Blair, 99 Chant, Phila-
delphia, Pa. 1
Salom & Westesson, Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Mills, Bone Grinding.
Wilson Bros., Easton, Pa. 1
Mine Lamps.
Bacon & Light, Scranton, Pa. 1
Leonard Bros., Scranton 1
Mining Engineers.
Pott John N., Aikenton, Va. 1
Mining Machinery.
Holladay & Co., Hollidaysburg, Pa. 3
Molding Machines.
Aiken & Lighton, Birmingham, Ala. 1
Molding Sand.
Paxson J. W. & Co., 514 Beach, Phila-
delphia, Pa. 1
Mouse Traps.
Lover & Co., Erie, Pa. 1
Ripley Mfg. Co., Unionville, Conn. 1
Nail Machinery.
American Nail Machine Co., Ashtabula,
Ohio. 1
Birmingham Iron Foundry, Birmingham,
Conn. 1
Pittsburgh Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1
Nail Pullers.
Millers Falls Co., 74 Chambers, N. Y. 1
Nails.
Borden & Lovell, 70 West, N. Y. 1
Buckley & Stone Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Cumberland Nail & Iron Co., Phila-
delphia, Pa. 1
Fuller Bros. & Co., 139 Greenwich, N. Y. 1
Hubbard, Ampleto, Mass. 1
Oxford Iron Co., 81 Washington, N. Y. 1
Riverside Iron Works, Wheeling, W. Va. 1
Steels C. J., 111 Keade, N. Y. 1
Wheeler & Co., Limited, Phila-
delphia, Pa. 1
Nails, Cut.
Borden & Lovell, 70 West, N. Y. 1
Buckley & Stone Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Nickel Platers' Supplies.
The Zuecker & Leitch Chemical Co., 54
Centre, N. Y. 1
Norway Shapers.
Naylor & Co., 99 John, N. Y. 1
Rowland William & Harvey, Frankford,
Pennsylvania 1
Nuts & Bolts.
American Bolt Co., Lowell, Mass. 1
Port Chester Bolt and Nut Co., Port
Chester, N. Y. 1
The Atlantic Rolling Mills, Allegheny,
Pa. 1
Wm. H. Haskell Co., Pawtucket, R. I. 1
Russell, Burdall & Ward, Port Chester, 4
Newark, N. J. 1
Oilers.
Hero Fruit Jar Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Oil Stones.
Chase Geo. 107th & Harlem River, N. Y. 3
Oil Breakers.
Vouge & Co. Cortlandt N. Y. 2
Ox Muzzles.
Brower John, 81 Murray, N. Y. 1
Ox Shoes.
Millers Falls Co., 74 Chambers, N. Y. 2
Wheeler & Co., Mount Carmel,
Conn. 1
Packing.
Chalmers-Spence Co., 419 Eighth, N. Y. 1
J. H. Butler and Perkins, 15 and 17
Park Row, N. Y. 1
Paddocks.
Smith & Egg Mfg. Co., Bridgeport 2
Paint.
American Iron Ore Paint Co., Cleveland,
Ohio 1
Patent Solicitors.
Globe Patent Office, 34 Park, N. Y. 3
Hewson & Son, Phila. and Washington. 1
The American Rolling Mills, Allegheny,
Pa. 1
Stocking E. B., Washington, D. C. 1
Phosphor Bronze.
Phosphor Bronze Smelting Co., Limited,
Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Picks, Makers of.
Pierson & Co., 34 Broadway, N. Y. 1
Pig Iron.
Gere Iron & Mfg. Co., Port Leyden, N. Y. 2
J. W. Haskell & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Montour Iron and Steel Co., Reading, Pa. 1
Pipe Cutters.
Pancoast & Manie, Philadelphia 1
Pipes, Fittings, &c., Makers of.
Pancoast & Manie, Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Fox John, 160 Broadway, N. Y. 1
Reading Iron Works, Philadelphia, Pa. 1
The S. F. Parker Press Co., Middletown,
Conn. 1
W. D. R. & Co., 400 Chestnut, Phila-
delphia, Pa. 1
Wyckoff A. & Son, Hackensack, N. Y. 1
Pine Irons, Manufacturers of.
McGee & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 1
Planes, Manufacturers of.
Stanley Rule & Level Co., 29 Chambers,
N. Y. 1
Planes, Iron.
Stanley Rule & Level Co., Meriden,
Conn. 1
Plated Ware.
Hall, Eaton & Co., 47 E. 15th, N. Y. 1
H. H. & J. H. Hall, 22 Park, N. Y. 1
Stimpson, Hall, Miller & Co., Wallingford,
Conn. 1
Plumbage.
The American Foundry Supply Mfg. Co.,
Cincinnati, O. 1
Plumbers' Materials, Manufacturers.
Everhart Jas. M., Scranton, Pa. 1
Pocket Pistol Cases, Rubber.
Lowe & Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 1
Polishing Machines.
Watson & Stillman, 304 E. 43d, N. Y. 1
Polish, Stove and Metal.
Clive Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill. 1
Parish & Co., Boston, Mass. 1
Post-Hole Diggers.
Husey, Ginn & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1
Poultry Nettings.
"Silver Finish" 1
Power Hoists.
Benson Manufacturing, Boston, Mass. 4
Bradley & Co., Syracuse, N. Y. 4
Diement & Eisenhardt, Philadelphia, Pa. 4
Fawcett & Co., 120 Centre, N. Y. 4
Stiles & Parker Press Co., Middletown,
Conn. 4
Presses.
Crosby O. A. & Co., Chicago, Ill. 4
E. W. Bliss Co., Brooklyn, N. Y. 4
Fawcett & Co., 120 Centre, N. Y. 4
Stiles & Parker Press Co., Middletown,
Conn. 4
The S. F. Parker Press Co., Middletown,
Conn. 4
Waterbury, Conn. 4
Presses, Power, Makers of.
Fawcett & Co., 120 Centre, Brooklyn, N. Y. 4
Kerriman A. H., West Meriden, Conn. 4
Stiles & Parker Press Co., Middletown, 4
Waterbury Parrel Foundry and Machine
Co., Waterbury, Conn. 4

Public Accountants.
Ketch, Henry, Philadelphia, Pa. 1

Pailreys.
Walker Mfg. Co., Cleveland, O. 2

Pumps, Force.
Field Force Pump Co., Lockport, N. Y. 2
M. E. & F. Co., Ashburn, Md. 2
Union Mfg. Co., 105 Chambers, N. Y. 2

Pumps, Makers of.
Douglas W. & R., Middletown, Conn. 2
T. B. Humphrey & Co., Manchester, N. H. 2
Silver & Deming Mfg. Co., Salem, O. 2

Pumping Machinery.
Dean Bros. Steam Pump Works, Indianapolis, Ind. 2

Punching and Shearing Presses.
Buffalo Forge Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 2
Heartley Geo. W., Toledo, O. 2
S. S. & S. Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. 2
Watson & Stillman, 204 E. 43d, N. Y. 2

Rails, Iron and Steel.
Cambria Iron Co., Johnstown, Pa. 2
Montour Iron & Steel Co., Danville, Pa. 2
S. A. Steel Co., 56 Broadway, N. Y. 2

Railway and Machinists' Supplies.
H. Y. Supply Co., 50 & 52 John, N. Y. 2
Rogers H. A., 19 John, N. Y. 2

Railroad, Mill, and Mfrs. Supplies.
H. A. Reed & Co., 83 Chambers, N. Y. 2

Ratchets.
Ashcroft Mfg. Co., 111 Liberty, N. Y. 2

Ratchet Drills.
The Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford, Conn. 2

Razors.
J. R. Torrey & Co., Worcester, Mass. 2

Razor Straps.
Tower & LaMont, Rochester, N. Y. 2

Refrigerators.
H. C. Schuchauer, Buffalo, N. Y. 2
Pierce Geo. N. Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 2

Rivers.
Blake & Johnson, Waterbury, Conn. 2
Hudson Riverway, 150 Greenwich, N. Y. 2
Old Colony River, Kingston, Mass. 2
Plymouth Mills, Plymouth, Mass. 2
Plymouth W. P. & Co., Pittsburg, Pa. 2

Rock Drills.
Farrel Foundry, Machine Co., Ansonia, Conn. 2

Rock Drills.
H. C. Schuchauer, Brooklyn, N. Y., and New York City. 2

Roller Bearings.
Chaplin Mfg. Co., Bridgeport, Conn. 2

Roofing.
C. C. Roofing and Paint Co., Cincinnati, O. 2

Rubber Goods.
Hartford Rubber Works, Hartford, Ct. 2

Rules, Manufacturers of.
Stanley Rule & Level Co., 29 Chambers, N. Y. 2

Sad Irons.
Enterprise Mfg. Co., Philadelphia, Pa. 2

Safety Lamps.
Schultz E. J., 302 E. 76th, N. Y. 2

Sap Spouts.
F. C. Co., Burlington, Vt. 2

Sash Cords and Chains.
Smith & Edge Mfg. Co., Bridgeport, Conn. 2
Tolman J. F. & Co., Boston, Mass. 2

Sash Locks.
H. C. Schuchauer, Cincinnati, O. 2

Saw Saws.
Morrill Chas., 64 College Place, N. Y. 2

Saws, Makers of.
Atkins E. & Co., Indianapolis, Ind. 2
Diamond Saw Co., Boston, Mass. 2

Scales, Manufacturers of.
Buffalo Scale Co., Buffalo, N. Y. 2
Chaillion John & Sons, 35-39 Cliff, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Richie Bros., Philadelphia, Pa. 2

Screens, Window and Door.
Porter Mfg. Co., Burlington, Vt. 2

Screw Cutting Machinery.
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y., and Greenfield, Mass. 2

Screw Drivers.
H. C. Schuchauer, Decatur, Ill. 2
Elrich Hdw. Mfg. Co., Plainville, Conn. 2
Graham J. H. & Co., 113 Chambers, N. Y. 2

Screws, Makers of.
H. C. Schuchauer, and Venango Sta., Philadelphia, Pa. 2
Bruce Geo. W., 1 Platt, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Miles F. S., 305 Quaker, Philadelphia, Pa. 2

Scroll Saws.
Seneca Falls Mfg. Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y. 2

Scythe Stones.
H. C. Schuchauer, Pike Station, N. H. 2
Berea & Huron Stone Co., Cleveland, O. 2

Shafting, Makers of.
Cresmon Vco. V., Philadelphia, Pa. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 24 West, N. Y. 2
Sellers Wm. & Co., Philadelphia, and 70 Liberty, N. Y. 2

Shears, Iron.
H. C. Schuchauer, 204 E. 43d, N. Y. 2

Shoes and Scissors.
Acme Shear Co., Bridgeport, Conn. 2
Clark Bros., Bristol, Conn. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Norfolk Shear Co., Norfolk, Conn. 2

Ship Chandler.
Cresmon Vco., Reading, N. Y. 2

Ship Chaudery Hardware.
Shelton Brass Hardware Co., Birmingham, Conn. 2

Shovels, Spades and Scoops.
Bruce Geo. W., 1 Platt, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2

Show Cases.
Farley & Hofman, Rochester, N. Y. 2

Sinks.
Douglas W. & R., Middletown, Conn. 2
Kilbourne & Jacobs Mfg. Co., Columbus, N. Y. 2

Slipware.
H. Wallace & Sons Mfg. Co., Wallingford, Conn. 2

Skates, Rollers.
J. P. Lovell's sons, Boston, Mass. 2

Smelting Works.
Reeves Pauls., 760 South Broad, Phila. 2

Soldering Furnaces.
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2

Soldering Irons.
Covert Mfg. Co., West Troy, N. Y. 2

Speaking Tubes.
Ostrander W. B. & Co., 21 & 23 Ann, N. Y. 2

Spelter.
H. C. Schuchauer, 113 Liberty, N. Y. 2

Springs.
Morgan Spring Co., Worcester, Mass. 2
Sabin Machine Co., Montpelier, Vt. 2

Spring Hinges.
H. C. Schuchauer, 103 Chambers, N. Y. 2
Van Wagner & Williams, 82 Beckman, N. Y. 2

Sprinklers.
H. C. Schuchauer & Berkele Co., 77 Chambers, N. Y. 2

Stable Fixtures.
The Fred J. Myers Mfg. Co., Covington, Ky. 2

Steam Hammers, &c., Makers of.
Diemel & Eisenhardt, Philadelphia, Pa. 2
Dudgeon Richard, 24 Columbia, N. Y. 2

Steam Pumps, &c., Manufacturers.
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
A. S. Cameron Steam Pump Works, foot of East Twenty 2d St., S. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
McGowan John H. & Co., Cincinnati, O. 2
Norwalk Iron Wks. Co., So. Norwalk, Conn. 2

Steam Traps.
H. C. Schuchauer, 103 Liberty, N. Y. 2
Curtis Regulator Co., Boston, Mass. 2

Steel Figures and Alphabets.
Belows & Lacey, Cleveland, O. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2

Steel Importers.
Abbott Jere & Co., New York & Boston. 2
Hobson Francis & Son, 97 John, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
91 John, N. Y. 2
Montgomery & Co., 105 Fulton, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Pierce & Co., 24 & 26 West, N. Y. 2
Whitney A. B. & Co., 17 Broadway, N. Y. 2

Steel (Machinet's Special).
Jones R. M., 11 & 13 Oliver, Boston. 2

Steel Plates and Scales.
Burrows Thos. C., 90-101 John, N. Y. 2
Burgess Chas., Titusville, Pa. 2
Burgess Steel and Iron Works, Fort Smith, Ark. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Chrome Steel Works, Brooklyn, E. D. N. Y. 2
Collins H. E. & Co., Pittsburg, Pa. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Gautier Steel Department of Cambria Iron Co., Johnstown, Pa. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Jesomp Wm. & Sons, Sheffield, Eng. 2
John, N. Y. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Miller, Netcal & Parkin, Pittsburg, Pa. 2
Moorehead & Co., Pittsburg, Pa. 2
H. C. Schuchauer, 104 Duane, N. Y. 2
Taylor & Co., 99 John, N. Y. 2
Plymouth Rolling Mill, Co., Conshohocken, Pa. 2
Portage Iron Co., Limited, Duncanville, Pa. 2
Portage Iron Co., Limited, Portage, Pa. 2
Riverside Iron Works, Wheeling, W. Va. 2

Rowland Wm. & Harvey, Frankford
 Singer, Nimick & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Smith Bros. & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 The Repton Steel Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
 The Wilmot & Hobbs Mfg. Co., Bridge
 Troy, Conn.
 Wardlow S. & C., Sheffield, Eng.
Steel, Manufactory of
 Dickey, Philadelphia, Pa.
Steel Rolling
 Garrison A. & Co., Pittsburg, Pa.
Steel, Sheet
 Standard Iron Co., Bridgeport, O.
Steel Spiral Springs, Manufacturers
 Chaffin John & Sons, 85 Lomb Church, N.Y.
 Rowland Wm. & Harvey, Frankford
 Philadelphia, Pa.
Steel, Tool
 Frankford Steel Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Jessop Wm. & Sons, Sheffield, Eng.
 Long John V., Fletcher, N. Y.
 Sanderson Bros. Steel Co., Syracuse, N.Y.
 Smith Bros. & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Steel, Turned
 Butterfield & Co., Derby Line, Vt.
 The Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford,
 Conn.
 Russell, Wm. C., Greenfield,
 Mass.
Store Trucks
 Lansing Wheelbarrow Co., Lansing,
 Mich.
Stove Boards
 Shepard Sidney & Co., Buffalo, N. Y.
Stove Linings
 Bradford Jas. & Son, Troy, N. Y.
Stove Tubs
 Tucker & Dorsey Mfg. Co., Indianapolis,
 Ind.
Swings
 The F. F. Adams Co., Erie, Pa.
Tack and Nail Machinery
 Merritt E. & Co., Brockton, Mass.
Tack and Shoe Nail Machinery
 Sweetser W. A., Brockton, Mass.
Tacks and Staples
 American Tack Co., Fairhaven, Mass.
 Clark & Drew, Plymouth, Mass.
 Florence Tack Co., Florence, Mass.
 Hobbins, C. B., New Greenwich, N. Y.
 Hoag & Fletcher, Birmingham
 Jenkins D. S., Brockton, Mass.
 Kellogg & Truitt, Campbell, Mass.
 Lester W., Worcester, Mass.
 Phillips E. & Sons, South Hanover, Mass.
 Taylor & Bartlett, Plymouth, Mass.
Tacks, Brands
 Walsley Hdw. Co., Plantaville, Ct.
Tacks, Nails, &c.
 Plymouth Mills, Plymouth, Mass.
Taps and Dies
 The F. F. Adams Co., Derby Line, Vt.
 Manning, Maxwell & Moore, 111 Liberty
 N. Y.
 Wiley & Russell Mfg. Co., Greenfield,
 Mass.
 Worwick Mfg. Co., Cleveland, O.
Testing Machines
 Kiehl Bros., Philadelphia
Tire Sanders
 Champion Blower and Forge Co., Lan-
 caster, Pa.
 Illinois Iron & Bolt Co., Carpentersville
 Ill.
Tire Tappers
 Little Giant Mfg. Co., Millport, N. Y.
Toe Calks, Steel
 Deike F. F., Boston, Mass.
Toes
 Atkins E. C. & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
Tools, Steam and Gas Fitters'
 T. Saunders Sons, Yonkers, N. Y.
Tools, Water, Gas and Steam Fitters
 The F. F. Adams Co., Bridgeport, Conn.
Towel Holders
 Hart & Co., Hartford, Conn.
Tramway Lifters
 Lloyd & Supply Hdw. Co., Philadel-
 aphia, Pa.
 Wagon, E. & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Reiter F. A. & Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Wollensak J. F., Chicago, Ill.
Tricycles
 The F. F. Adams Co., Elyria, O.
Trowsers
 McCarty, J. C. & Co., 97 Chambers, N. Y.
Trucks, Manufacturers of
 Penfield Block Co., Lockport, N. Y.
Tube Scrapers
 Chapman-Spence Co., 419 Eighth, N. Y.
 Bridgeport Brass Co., 19 Murray, N. Y.
Tubes, Steel
 The F. F. Adams Co., Fletcher, N. Y.
Tarabuckles
 Cleveland City Forge and Iron Co., Cle-
 veland, O.
 Merrill Bros., 36 First, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Turning Wood
 Tipton Mfg. Co., Danville, Conn.
Twist Drill, Makers of
 Cleveland Twist Drill Co., Cleveland, O.
 Morse Twist Drill & Machine Co., New
 York
 New Process Twist Drill Co., Taunton
 Mass.
Uprights
 Burham Gas & Co., Worcester, Mass.
 Merritt E. & Co., Brockton, Mass.
 Morse, Wm. C., Worcester, Mass.
 Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass.
 Long John S., 4 Fletcher, N. Y.
 Loring Valve Mfg. Co., Troy, N. Y.
Valves
 Howard Iron Works, Buffalo, N. Y.
 McIntire & Son, 224 Ely, N. Y.
Valvular Filled Fibre
 Valvular Filled Fibre Co., 15 Ely, N. Y.
Wagon Springs
 Leonard Bros., Fayette, Ind.
Washing Machines
 Bangham N. C., York, Pa.
 Leibel Bros., New York
 Lansing Wheelbarrow Co., Lansing,
 Mich.
White Lead
 A. F. Pike Mfg. Co., Pike Station, N. H.
White Lead
 The White Lead and Linseed Oil
 Co., 287 Pearl, N. Y.
Jewett John T. & Sons, 181 Front, N. Y.
White Lead
 The White Lead and Linseed Oil
 Co., 287 Pearl, N. Y.
Wire and Ironwork
 The F. F. Adams Co., Mich.
Wire, Manufacturers of
 Gaultier Steel Department of Cambria
 Iron Works, Johnstown, Pa.
 Hart & Moen, 224 W. 29th, N. Y.
 Caryman Steel Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Fairhaven, Mass.
 Prentiss Geo. W. & Co., Holyoke, Mass.
 Salem Wire N. Co., Salem, O.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Troy, N. Y.
 Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co., Worcester,
 Mass.
Wire Cloth
 Howard & Morse, 45 Fulton, N. Y.
 Wickwire Bros., Cortland, N. Y.
 W. S. Tyler Wire Works Co., Cleveland,
 O.
Wire Cutters
 The F. F. Adams Co., Elmira, N. Y.
Wire Fences
 Howard & Morse, 45 Fulton, N. Y.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Richmond, Ind.
Wire Goods, Manufacturers of
 Brownell Brush and Wire Goods Co.,
 Cincinnati, O.
 Brooks M. B., Chester, Conn.
 Hubbard & Bennett Mfg. Co., 48 Cliff, N. Y.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Fairhaven, Mass.
 Howard & Morse, 45 Fulton, N. Y.
 E. Jenkins Mfg. Co., Pawtucket, R. I.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Troy, N. Y.
 National Wire & Iron Co., Detroit,
 Mich.
 The Fred J. Meyers Mfg. Co., Covington,
 Ky.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Fairhaven, Mass.
 Wickwire Bros., Cortland, N. Y.
Wire Machinery
 The F. F. Adams Co., Haven, Conn.
Wire Nail and Tack Machines
 Birmingham Iron Foundry, Birmingham,
 Ala.
 Hermann L. K. & 16 Exchange pla. N. Y.
 Whitney A. R. & Co., 17 Broadway, N. Y.
Wire Nails
 H. P. Nail Co., Cleveland.
 A. Field & Sons, Taunton, Mass.
 Reed Hdw. Co., Worcester, Mass.
 Phillips E. & Sons, South Hanover, Mass.
 Plymouth Mills, Plymouth, Mass.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Troy, N. Y.
 The Wire Goods Co., Worcester, Mass.
 Whitney A. R. & Co., 58 Hudson, N. Y.
Wire Rope
 The F. F. Adams Co., Worcester, Mass.
 Hazard Mfg. Co., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
 The F. F. Adams Co., St. Louis,
 Mo.
Wood Engravers and Electrotypers
 Buford A., Hartford, Conn.
Wood Working Machinery
 The Egan Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Wrenches, Manufacturers of
 The F. F. Adams Co., Tool Co.,
 Springfield, Mass.
 Cook A. D. & Co., Worcester, Mass.
 Diamond Wrench Co., Portland, Me.
 The Billings & Spencer Co., Hartford,
 Ct.
 The F. F. Adams Co., Troy, N. Y.
Wringers
 The F. F. Adams Co., Limited, Erie, Pa.
 Triumph Wringer Co., Keene, N. H.

Trade Report.

New York.

American Pig.—The market shows little or no change so far as Foundry Irons are concerned. We hear of the closing of a few contracts for fall delivery in Lehigh and Hudson River Irons, but it is only with reluctance that furnace agents enter into them, largely to keep up long-established relations. We hear of some pressure to place some Southern Irons at New England points which can be reached by water. Standard Forge Pig is in more plentiful supply, the usual condition at this season of the year, when stoppages at mills are quite general. We hear of some weakness, and of shading on large desirable orders. We quote standard brands Foundry No. 1, \$18 @ \$18.50; No. 2, \$17 @ \$17.50, and Gray Forge, \$15.75 @ \$16.25. On outside brands concessions of 50¢ are usual.

Scotch Pig.—The market is quiet and steady. We quote nominally as follows for small lots: Coltness, \$19.75 @ \$20 to arrive; Gartsherrie, \$19 @ \$19.25 to arrive; Shotts and Langloan, \$19.50 @ \$20 to arrive; Carnbroe and Glengarnock, \$18.50 @ \$19 to arrive; Summerlee, \$19.25 @ \$19.50 to arrive; Dalmellington, \$18.50 @ \$18.75 to arrive; Eglinton, \$17.50 @ \$18 to arrive, and Clyde, \$18 @ \$18.50 to arrive.

Bessemer Pig.—The market is dull and lifeless for Foreign Bessemer. There is little demand for Hematites for special open-hearth purposes. We continue to quote \$18 @ \$18.25 for Domestic at furnace and \$18.75 @ \$19, nominally, for Ordinary Foreign Bessemer.

Spiegel.—We hear of sales of one or two round lots of English at private terms. We continue to quote English 20%, large lines, \$25 @ \$25.25, and German, \$24.75 @ \$25.

Bar Iron.—We are informed that the car shops, both East and West, are very busy, and that it is beginning to be a matter of some difficulty to secure early delivery. This, of course, means a heavier demand for iron. The trade in this locality is in a fair condition, concessions being only made under exceptional circumstances. No result was reached at the recent conference between the men and the Philadelphia mills, and the strike is likely to go on. We continue to quote for delivery here in round lots: Common Iron, 1.65¢ @ 1.70¢; Medium, 1.70¢ @ 1.75¢, and Refined Iron, 1.75¢ @ 1.9¢. Store prices are 1.75¢ @ 1.80¢ for Common, 1.85¢ @ 1.90¢ for Medium, and 1.9¢ @ 2.2¢ for Refined.

Structural Iron and Steel.—The closing of the Harlem River Bridge contract last week with the Passaic Rolling Mill Company for \$845,000, calls for about 8000 tons of work, one-half iron and one-half steel, the delivery to be spread over two years. We understand that the greater part of the raw material has been covered. We quote for Angles 2¢ @ 2.10¢, delivered, and Tees at 2.40¢ @ 2.45¢, for round lots. Steel Angles are quoted 2.35¢ @ 2.45¢, according to quality. Store quotations remain 2.25¢ @ 2.4¢ for Angles, and 2.6¢ @ 2.7¢ for Tees. American Beams and Channels are nominally 3¢ base from dock for all orders.

Plates.—We quote for round lots: Common or Tank, 2.10¢ @ 2.20¢; Refined, 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Shell, 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Flange, 3.4¢ @ 3.5¢; Extra Flange, 4¢ @ 4.4¢. For small lots of Steel Plates the quotations are as follows: Tank, 2.70¢ @ 2.75¢; Ship, 3¢; Shell, 3.4¢; Flange, 3.4¢, and Fire-Box, 4¢ @ 4.5¢, on dock.

Merchant Steel.—We quote nominally for the range of ordinary to good grades as follows: American Tool Steels, 7.5¢ @ 9¢; Tool Steel of special grades and finer qualities, 12¢ @ 20¢; English Tool, 13¢ @ 15.5¢; common grades, 7¢ @ 9¢; Crucible Machinery, 3.75¢ @ 4.50¢; Round and Flat Spring, 2.3¢ @ 2.5¢; Round-Edge Tire, 2.3¢ @ 2.5¢; Square-Edge Tire, 2.60¢ @ 2.7¢; Toe Calk, 2.6¢; Sleigh Shoe, 2.5¢ @ 2.6¢; Open-Hearth Machinery, 2.4¢ @ 2.6¢, and Bessemer Machinery, 2.15¢ @ 2.25¢, with freight allowance.

Steel Wire Rods.—There have been some sales of round lots for delivery during the next few months, and there are inquiries in the market for shipment West previous to the closing of navigation. The wire trade has been much depressed lately, and sales have been on so moderate a scale that buyers are not encouraged to buy Rods largely for future supply. On the other hand, importers anticipating a large business early in the year then made heavy contracts with German mills. Some of these have been cancelled by the payment of \$1.25 a ton, but on others delivery is being made. The result is a pressure to sell in a reluctant market with the inevitable decline in price. We quote \$37 @ \$37.50. The lower figure is shaded when buyers are willing to assume the risk of higher duties at time of delivery, in consequence of a possible rise abroad on which valuations are based.

Steel Wire Billets.—Foreign 4 x 4 inch Billets are competing closely with the domestic make. We quote nominally \$27.50 @ \$28.

Steel Rails.—We are reported only two sales of round lots, but negotiations are pend-

ing for larger blocks. The market is steady and firm at \$34 @ \$35, according to size of order, time of delivery, &c.

Old Rails.—We note a sale of 1000 tons of American T's to a Pennsylvania mill at \$20.50, delivered, and 700 tons at private terms. Round blocks of English Rails now in store and of Southern Old Rails are freely offered without finding takers.

Scrap.—The market is dull at \$18.25 @ \$18.50 for No. 1 from yard. Foreign Scrap arriving is going into store.

Steel Scrap.—We hear of a sale of a few hundred tons of Foreign Bloom and Billet Ends. We quote \$20 @ \$20.50 for this class of material.

Rail Fastenings.—The Spike Mills have been making at the rate of over 10,000 kegs a month lately. Some of the larger mills are doing more than their allotment calls for, and are paying the smaller ones the bonus agreed upon by the combination. Concessions are occasionally made outside of freight allowances. We quote nominally 2.40¢, delivered, for Spikes, and 1.80¢ @ 2¢ for Angle Fish Bars.

Philadelphia.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St., PHILADELPHIA, July 20, 1886.

Pig Iron.—There has been some little indication of an increasing demand, and on the whole the turn of events during the past 10 days has been in sellers' favor. There has been a larger business done; there is more inquiry, and as regards some grades the offerings are less urgent. The outlook to-day is certainly more encouraging, and there is a pretty general impression that things are on the mend. Consumption has been resumed in most of the large mills and foundries, and the current requirements from this time on are expected to be very large. Such being the case increasing firmness may be expected, although it is hardly likely that there will be any advance. It will be a good thing, however, to have a market at quotations which can be depended upon, something that has not been known for several weeks past. The improvement as yet is of a negative character; there is, for instance, less disposition to make concessions, and in some cases a virtual withdrawal from the market at the low prices offered by some large buyers, and Southern Irons which could have been had at \$15, \$16 and \$17 on firm offers are now held at \$1 more money, although it is quite likely that some concessions could be had, although agents report the furnaces as being so well sold up that they have nothing they care to offer at prices recently prevailing. There is no material change as regards local Irons, but they will be likely to stiffen up under the withdrawal of competition from outside sources. A considerable amount of business has been done in Mill Irons, large blocks having been taken at about \$15.25 @ \$15.75 at furnace, according to location, quality of Iron, &c. There is more inquiry, too, and as we said before prospects are favorable for a pretty steady demand. Prices are steadier, and if nothing unforeseen occurs we may have to quote firmer in course of a week or two. Sales have been chiefly on the basis of about \$15.25 @ \$15.50 at furnace for Gray Forge; \$16.25 for No. 2 Foundry; and \$17.25 @ \$18 for No. 1 Foundry, with freights to tidewater averaging 75¢ @ \$1 1/2 ton additional.

Foreign Irons.—There is some little inquiry for special brands of Bessemer, but we do not hear of any sales being made. Asking rates are \$19.50 for special brands, \$19 for ordinary and \$25.25 for 30¢ Spiegel.

Blooms.—There is a considerable inquiry for Steel Blooms and Slabs, which are offered at about the following prices: Rail Blooms, 7 x 7, \$25.50; Slabs for Nail Plate, \$23.50 @ \$29.50 at tide for Foreign and \$30 at mill for Domestic, and from that to \$35 for higher qualities; special grades for Boiler Plates and other uses requiring high tensile strength, \$34 @ \$38. Other Blooms, 7 ton of 2464 lb, as follows: Charcoal, \$52 @ \$54; Run-out Anthracite, \$43 @ \$44; Scrap Blooms, \$33 @ \$34, and Ore Blooms, \$34 @ \$35.

Muck Bars.—There is more inquiry, but prices are difficult to maintain, and are quoted at \$28 @ \$28.50, according to location of mill, quality of Bars, &c.

Bar Iron.—There is more inquiry, particularly for Car Iron, but prices are extremely low. Some of the leading mills in the vicinity quote 1.8¢ to 1.85¢ firm, with full extras; others are a tenth lower, but what the difference in quality may be is purely a matter of opinion. No great amount of business can be done at the higher figure, although those who are strict as to quality take it rather than risk their trade for a few cents per hundred on Bar Iron. The bulk of the demand, however, is on the lower priced article, which the sellers insist is equal to anything that others can make. A conference was held yesterday between the Kensington ironmasters and their workmen, but no progress was made toward a settlement. The men insist on a 2¢ base, which the masters are just as determined not to grant; as the position is in no respect different to what it was when they went out, the chances now appear to be that the strike will be a long one, as neither side seem inclined to give in.

Plate and Tank Iron.—There is a somewhat improved demand, and as a rule sellers are endeavoring to establish a higher

range of quotations. Some who have made up their accounts for the first half of the year find that it is impossible to continue at the old prices without serious loss, and will either get more money or shut up their mills. This feeling is so general that slightly higher prices appear to be pretty well assured, and particularly so as the demand gives promise of steady increase. A fair amount of orders are on hand, some taken at concessions from the rates quoted herewith, but on new business prices are firm at about the following figures: Ordinary Plate, 2.05¢ @ 2.1¢, delivered; Tank, 2.1¢ @ 2.2¢; Shell, 2.5¢; Flange, 3.5¢; Fire-Box, 4.25¢; Steel Plates, Shell, 3.25¢; Flange, 3.5¢; Fire-Box, 4¢.

Structural Iron.—A better feeling prevails in this department, and with important orders under way and others within reach it is believed that the balance of the year will be one of considerable activity. In addition to large orders in hand for bridgework, and a great deal in prospect, some six or seven thousand tons is expected to be given out in a few days for an elevated railway in New York, so that the mills will all be pretty well filled up. Prices are still low, but there is a firmer feeling, and concessions not readily granted from the following quotations: 2¢ @ 2.05¢, delivered, for Angles; 2.1¢ @ 2.2¢ for Bridge Plate; 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢ for Tees, and 3¢ for Beams and Channels.

Sheet Iron.—Reports vary considerably, some as busy and report steady improvement, others dull and depressed. There is little doubt, however, that the market is better, and increasing activity probable during the next 30 or 60 days. Prices for small lots as follows:

Best Refined, Nos. 26, 27 and 28..... 3 1/2¢
Best Refined, Nos. 18 to 25..... 3 1/2¢
Common, 1/4¢ less than the above.
Best Bloom Sheets, Nos. 26 to 28..... 4 1/2¢ @ 5¢
Best Bloom Sheets, Nos. 22 to 25..... 4 1/2¢ @ 4 3/4¢
Best Bloom Sheets, Nos. 16 to 21..... 3 1/2¢ @ 4¢
Blue Annealed..... 2 1/2¢ @ 2 3/4¢
Best Bloom, Galvanized, discount..... 60¢
Common, discount..... 65¢

Steel Rails.—The demand is fully maintained, and large orders are still coming on the market. Some of the largest are from the Southwest, 30,000 to 40,000 tons being wanted for delivery along the Mississippi River. The mills are all running full, with more business offered for the next three months than can be by any possibility accepted. The output during the first half of the year was the largest on record, and promises to be fully maintained for a considerable time longer. Prices are firm at \$35 for early deliveries and about \$34.50 for winter and spring.

Old Rails.—Business is still held in abeyance because of the scarcity of suitable lots for spot delivery. For such \$19.50 @ \$20 would probably be paid, while bids of \$19 are about the best that can be obtained for shipments during July and August. Sales have been made at interior points at \$20.50 @ \$21, with more demand at about the same figures.

Scrap Iron.—There is a steady feeling in Old Material, and a fair demand at about the following quotations: No. 1 Wrought Scrap, large lots, \$18; selected do., \$19 @ \$20; No. 2 do., \$13 @ \$14; Turnings, \$14 @ \$14.50; Old Car Wheels, \$15 @ \$16; Old Steel Rails, \$18.50 @ \$20; Fish Plates, \$23 @ \$24; Cast Scrap, \$14 @ \$15; do. Turnings, \$10 @ \$10.50.

Wrought-Iron Pipe.—Prices are firm and unchanged, with a particularly good demand for large sizes. Discounts as follows: Lap-Welded Black, 5 1/2¢; Butt-Welded Black, 4 1/2¢; Butt-Welded Galvanized, 3 1/2¢; Lap-Welded Galvanized, 40¢; Boiler Tubes, 5 1/2¢.

Nails.—The improvement noted a week ago has been fully maintained, and prospects are favorable for a firm and steady, if not higher, range of prices. Lowest store price is \$2 20 for all east of the Alleghenies.

At the meeting of the Atlantic States Nail Association, held on the 10th, Mr. W. E. S. Baker was elected secretary and treasurer. Mr. Baker has served 20 years in connection with the various Nail and Bar Iron Associations, and will, as heretofore, doubtless prove to be the right man in the right place.

Pittsburgh.

Office of The Iron Age, 77 Fourth Avenue, PITTSBURGH, PA., July 20, 1886.

There has been no very important change in the general business situation during the week. As noted in our last report a better feeling is gaining ground, and general business is improving. The reports from trade centers, both West and South, are of an encouraging character. The dam in the Ohio River at Davis Island, about 5 miles below this city, has been in successful operation the greater part of the summer, and its success is now almost beyond a doubt; even a good many who opposed its construction and claimed that it would never do what was promised are now forced to admit that it is doing a great deal better than they expected. This is said to be the largest dam in the world, and the first of the kind ever built in this country. By means of this dam there are now 5 1/2 feet of water in the harbor of Pittsburgh, whereas without the dam there would not be 1 foot. Coalmen are now enabled to get loaded Coal boats and barges out of the Monongahela River almost any time, whereas before the dam was built they were never able to do anything with their loaded Coal craft excepting when there was a freshet. The Edith Furnace, recently leased by New

York and Pittsburgh parties, will, it is expected, be ready to blow in the latter part of August. It is located on the Ohio River in the lower part of Allegheny City and adjoining the site of the old United States Marine Hospital. It is understood that the Edith will be chiefly under the management of the National Tube Works, who will take a large part of its product. For a number of years past furnacemen here have been anxious to strike new Ore fields that would afford competition with those of the Lake Superior region; this they think has been realized in the opening up of the new fields of Minnesota. The Ores are said to be equal to those of the Lake Superior region, and it is expected will force the price of the latter down to a more reasonable figure. The Ore companies of the latter region have to a certain extent had a kind of monopoly of the Pittsburgh make for a number of years, much of the time, as is the case at present, exacting a price for Ore out of all proportion with that being realized for the product. It is true the distance to the Minnesota mines is somewhat greater from Pittsburgh than to those of Lake Superior, but the cost of transportation is about the same.

Pig Iron.—While consumption continues large, the market is dull. The demand the past week was a little better than that of the week preceding, but the inquiry is still chiefly for small lots, consumers generally not being disposed to anticipate future wants. Some well-informed operators look for a stiffer market when the fall trade fairly opens up for Finished Iron, which, it is expected, will be better than it was a year ago; but whether it will be of such a character as to enable manufacturers to realize better prices, so that they can afford to pay more for Pig Irons, is a matter that time alone will develop. While Ores are higher relatively than Pig Iron, it is also true that Pig Iron is higher relatively than Finished Iron, hence there is a deal of complaining all along the line. Prices remain unchanged, but buyers still have the advantage, and it is hardly necessary to state that they do not hesitate to make use of it. Within the past month or six weeks there has been a decline of from 50¢ to 75¢ per ton, with no reduction whatever in the cost of production, and this being the case it is not strange that furnacemen are wanting cheaper Ores and cheaper freights. We quote as follows:

Neutral Gray Forge..... \$15.75 @ \$16.25, 4 mos.
All-Ore Mill..... 17.00 @ 17.50, 4 "
White and Mottled..... 14.75 @ 15.25, 4 "
No. 1 Foundry..... 18.00 @ 18.50, 4 "
No. 2 Foundry..... 17.00 @ 17.50, 4 "
All-Ore Foundry..... 19.00 @ 19.50, 4 "
Charcoal Foundry..... 20.00 @ 20.50, 4 "
Cold Blast Charcoal..... 24.00 @ 27.00, 4 "
Bessemer Iron..... 18.25 @ 18.50, 4 "

Muck Bar.—There is not much doing; at least we hear of but few sales having been made. Prices may be quoted nominally at \$27 @ \$27.50, cash, as to quality, delivery, &c.

Manufactured Iron.—There is a continued fair degree of activity; orders continue to come forward pretty freely, and, while they are mostly small, there is an increasing volume of business in the aggregate. The indications for a good fall trade are encouraging, and, while prices are unsatisfactory, a better feeling obtains among manufacturers, who are in hopes of being able to realize better prices before long. We continue to quote prices on a basis of 1.65¢ @ 1.70¢ for Bars, first quality Iron, and 1 1/2¢ @ 1 3/4¢ less for Old Rail Iron, which, it is said, has been offered as low as 1.45¢ @ 1.50¢, delivered at Chicago. Some of our mills continue to work almost entirely on Skelp Iron, which is still quoted at 1.75¢ @ 1.80¢. There is not the demand for Structural Iron that there was a year ago, but Bridge Iron is in good demand. It is expected that makers of Agricultural Implements will commence to order pretty freely within the next few weeks.

Nails.—There is a very fair business for the season, and the outlook is promising for a good fall trade; prices remain unchanged at \$1.90, 60 days, 2¢ off for cash, for Iron in carlots and upward, and 10¢ @ 15¢ additional for Steel. Owing to the protracted suspension manufacturers had no stock, and it will require some time for them to work up an assorted supply; until they do so they will be unable to fill orders. The regular monthly meeting of the Western Nail Association took place in this city last week, but there was nothing done of any importance to the public.

Wrought-Iron Pipe.—There appears to be no abatement in the demand. Mills are all busy, and likely to continue so until the close of the year. Natural-gas companies are burying thousands of tons of Pipe in the ground, and the requirements of oil companies are also considerable. The demands of the former are not likely to fall off much until every street and alley in these two cities and suburbs are supplied with natural gas. Prices firm, but unchanged. Discount on Black Butt Welded Pipe, in carlots and upward, 45¢; Black Galvanized, 35¢; Black Lap-Welded 60¢; Galvanized do. 42 1/2¢; less than a carload, discount 2 1/2¢ less than rates above quoted. Boiler Tubes, 5 1/2¢; Oil-Well Casing, 45¢ per foot, net; 2-inch Oil-Well Tubing 14¢; 8-inch Drive-Pipe, \$1.30.

Steel.—The general features of this interest remain much the same as noted for some time past; there is a continued fair degree of activity, but no change in prices. Bessemer Blooms and Billets are still quoted at from \$30 to \$31, although a sale of Billets is reported as having been made as low as \$29.50. Nail Slabs are still quoted at \$29 @

\$30; Crop and Bloom Ends may be quoted nominally in the absence of sales at \$20 @ \$21.

Old Rails.—There is some inquiry for Old Iron Nails in small lots for immediate delivery, and we can report sales at \$21.25. Old Steel Rails are still quoted at \$20 @ \$20.50 for short and \$22 @ \$22.50 for long lengths. There are but few lots of Iron Rails offering, especially for immediate delivery, and the market is firm. Nearly all the mills in the Shenango and Mahoning valleys are using more or less Old Rails.

Steel Rails.—The mills here, as elsewhere, are unable to take orders for delivery this side of October; some mills are said to be sold close up until the close of the year. We hear of offers, however, to sell for October and later at \$36, cash, at mill, which may be regarded as the ruling price. The Homestead is making little else than Rails.

Chicago.

Office of The Iron Age, 36 and 38 Clark St., Cor. Lake St., CHICAGO, July 19, 1886.

Hardware.—Nothing of importance to note. Trade is of the usual midsummer character, there being no urgent demand for any line of goods. Country dealers are looking somewhat after fall lines and making inquiries regarding prices on specialties. Manufacturers are more active in seeking orders for fall goods among the jobbing trade, and from prices quoted there is every indication that there will be unusual firmness in selling figures.

Barb Wire.—While there is very little demand and scarcely any sales are made except in small lots, the market is nevertheless badly demoralized in price. Jobbers continue to make a nominal quotation of 3 1/2¢ for Painted Wire and 4 1/4¢ for Galvanized from store. These prices, however, are not adhered to, and sales are made at 3.35¢ for Painted and 4.10¢ for Galvanized by dealers on competitive orders. It is said that manufacturers have shaded these figures in carload lots to a point only a trifle above the actual cost of manufacture. Stocks in the hands of manufacturers are quite large. Many of them are seeking to obtain orders for fall delivery. At a meeting of the manufacturers on Thursday last the association which has been in existence since last spring was virtually disbanded and a new organization formed, which is to be known as the United Wire Company, whose operations shall be controlled on a pool basis similar to that governing the Sheet Lead and Lead Pipe Association to which we have heretofore referred. Mr. F. B. Lawrence of the latter association was elected secretary, treasurer and general manager of the new Wire Company, vice C. O. Collins resigned, and Mr. E. J. Marsh president. We are informed that the last agreement signed by makers will be null and a new one promulgated which will be more binding. It is understood that the preliminary work will require from four to six weeks, and, allowing that additional time will be necessary to secure the co-operation of those not now interested, it will be well on towards the holidays before the organization is perfected in all its details. The purpose of the new company is to control the output and regulate prices, and is to include all makers of Fence Wire in the United States. The company under this management will comprise many discordant elements that will not be adjusted in time to have much effect upon prices for fall trade.

Nails.—The demand continues to be very fair considering the season. Prices are held with greater unanimity than usual during a dull period, and the quotation of \$2.10 for Iron Nails and \$2.20 for Steel Nails by jobbers in small lots is very generally adhered to. Carload lots are quoted at 5¢ per keg off the above prices. Quite a great many inquiries are received from country merchants for carload orders to be delivered later in the season, which are declined by all jobbers and accepted by only a few of the Western makers. The disagreement between the Nailers and Feeders at the Bay View Mill has been adjusted, and the works, which have been idle since the first of the month, started up on Saturday last. They have a capacity of about 1200 kegs a day, which for the present will be divided about equally on Iron and Steel Nails. Manufacturers' price from mill in carload lots is quoted at \$2.05 for Iron Nails and \$2.15 for Steel Nails. We now and then hear of some concern that is willing to shade these figures on limited quantities. The general tendency of the trade, however, is to Steel Nails and firmness in above quotations.

American Pig Iron.—All information that can be obtained regarding the market is merely corroborative of reports made during the last three weeks. The demand continues to increase from week to week from all classes of consumers. During the past week the demand for carloads was more than usually active, while the negotiations on large blocks referred to last week in some cases have been closed and new ones developed. In addition to the Harvesting Machine men who are about closing contracts for their year's supply, there comes an increased demand from Car-Wheel and Malleable-Iron manufacturers. The aggregate number of Freight Cars said to have been placed during the past week numbers about 5000, the majority of which have been placed with manufacturers contiguous to this market. Furnacemen foresee the great

demand that they will surely have for Pig Iron, and are consequently somewhat independent in their quotations. On carload lots of Lake Superior Charcoal \$20 @ \$20.50 continues to be a ruling price, but how much these figures have been shaded on the large blocks placed during the week is not definitely known. It is certain, however, that on some of the choice brands the top price could not be reduced over \$1 7/8 ton. There are others, however, on which buyers could do better, because the quality of iron is less valuable. During the present week some of the heaviest buyers will place their orders, and the market will probably receive a shock at some of the figures made. But notwithstanding the low prices that are anticipated when these sales are completed the market must necessarily be firmer than before, for the reason that the contracts under negotiation will absorb all the surplus iron and include many of those that are less saleable for general uses. The placing of these large contracts is looked upon as a benefit to the market at this time, and does not alarm furnacemen or sales agents regarding the future of the trade. While the principal trading for the week was in the above class of iron, there was also a good demand for coke iron in small lots at \$19 @ \$19.50. No changes are announced on Cinder Mixed Irons, which are quoted at \$18. Ohio Standard Blackbands have been in strong request, and on several large orders the carload prices, \$20 @ \$20.50, were shaded 50¢ @ \$1 7/8 ton on some grades. The greatest weakness in the market is found in the grades of Southern Iron. The great quantity of this iron that is constantly in the market places the advantage on the buyers' side and makes competitors warm antagonists in securing orders. As a normal price we continue to quote No. 1 F. undry at \$17.50; No. 2, \$17; No. 2 1/2, \$16 @ \$16.50, and No. 3, \$15.50; but the price is only applicable to small lots. Recent sales of some of the best brands of Southern Iron on lots of 2000 to 3000 tons would shade these prices from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton, according to grade. It seems almost impossible for any one of the furnaces to sell at a figure so low that his competitor will not undersell him. On a recent sale made at remarkably low figures the manufacturer refused to fill the contract. The buyer willingly canceled the order, as he could obtain an equivalent grade at less money. The worst feature in connection with this market is competition of other grades of iron with Southern brands. There appears to be a constant necessity among Southern furnacemen to realize on their output, which forces sales agents of Charcoal, Coke and Ohio Irons to meet prices if they wish to retain their proportion of iron in the mixture of the different manufactures of finished articles. Were Southern furnacemen strong enough to hold out for higher figures a limited period the market would quickly react in their favor and greatly improve the general tone of transactions on all other classes of grade iron.

Merchant Steel.—There is some improvement noted in the demand from city trade for Merchant Bars. Inquiries for later deliveries are coming in more freely, and specifications from a portion of the Agricultural Implement makers have been sent out. It is said that they are asking prices on about the same quantity of steel that they have been buying for several years past, and the weak and irregular condition of prices, and the anxiety on the part of manufacturers to obtain orders, proclaim large concessions on the ordinary grades of material. On specialties manufacturers are demanding higher figures for the present trade and are receiving a fair proportion of orders. We renew the following quotations: Tool Steel, 7 1/2¢ @ 8¢, ordinary grades; Specials, 9¢ @ 13¢; Flat Crucible Machinery Steel, best grades, 5 1/2¢; Round machinery, 3¢; Open-Heart and Bessemer, 2 1/2¢; Flat Steels, base price, 5¢.

Steel Rails.—Considerable inquiry is reported for late fall and next spring delivery. So far as can be learned negotiations for next year delivery are not entertained, and mills are not in a position to accept much of the trade offering for early fall delivery. Prices continue to rule at \$38 for first quality and \$34.50 for seconds.

Structural Iron.—There has been something more than the usual demand for Beams during the past week in small lots. Quite a number of large buildings are in contemplation in different parts of the country upon which estimates have been asked. Foundrymen for the present are well employed on structural shapes, and anticipate enough work to keep them running full until late in the fall.

Bar Iron.—Trading in the best grades is fully up to expectations for this season of the year. The largest demand is for small lots from the jobbing trade, with an occasional round-lot order from country merchants, who are stocking up for fall and winter trade. Low freight rates in some sections are the inducements, while others look upon present prices as being bottom. On Best Refined New Puddled Iron we quote 1.85¢ @ 1.90¢ from store and 1.70¢ @ 1.75¢ from mill, according to specifications. Common Iron from Old-Rail stock is quoted from store at 1.75¢ rates and 1.55¢ @ 1.60¢ from mill. Prices on the latter grade of iron are very irregular, and made according to the circumstances of the seller, quantity and buyer. Specifications for large lots of iron for Car-building have been distributed

among makers, which are exciting considerable competition. Manufacturers of Harvesting Machines are also notifying sellers that they are in the market, and prices for last year are likely to be duplicated on many of the orders.

Black Sheets.—There is quite a fair demand in small lots for the better quality of iron, and an improvement in the demand from heavy consumers. Jobbers are not inclined to buy heavily as yet, and refuse to sell far in advance of time of delivery. On quotations obtained from mill for September delivery it is said that makers have advanced the price about \$1 7/8 ton. Jobbers report a better demand for Light Sheets and quote on Ordinary Grades from store, 2.70¢ for No. 24; 2.80¢ for Nos. 25 and 26, and 2.90¢ for No. 27 to the best class of buyers.

Galvanized Iron.—Sales agents report that they are having a slightly better demand from the jobbing trade in large lots. It is said that the Cornice trade has slightly improved recently, and the demand from heavy buyers is better than several weeks ago. On inquiries from furnacemen some weakness is reported, and it is possible that concessions will be made on present prices for large lots. We renew quotations of 60 and 10¢ off on Junia's and 60, 10 and 5¢ off on Charcoal as jobbers price from store. Some of the manufacturers of the best grades claim that this is a less price than they can afford to sell the iron for from mill.

Old Rails.—The quantity offering is quite large, and buyers are not taking hold very readily. The North Chicago Rolling Mill Company are quoting \$19, Milwaukee delivery. Holders still ask higher prices, and are unwilling to accept the figure named except where selling is an actual necessity or part of a trade on new material.

Old Wheels.—There is a fairly good demand at present from wheel-makers, who are offering \$15 cash in round lots. Large holders decline to sell at this figure, which greatly limits the number of transactions possible at price named.

Scrap Iron.—There has been a slight improvement in the demand for No. 1 Wrought Scrap during the week, which is quoted at \$17.50. Quotations on Mill are \$14.50 for No. 1 and \$9 for No. 2. There has been quite an active demand for Cast Scrap, and some 500 tons have changed hands in the last 10 days at \$15 7/8 gross ton.

Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 19, 1886.

Except in this city and within the circle of its influences business seems to be falling off all over the State. Some lines report sales almost unprecedentedly light for the season. The outlook for the agricultural staples, although certainly much better than it was two weeks ago, is still bad enough to depress trade. The unwonted industrial activity in and around Birmingham keeps business up pretty comfortably here. Railroad contractors contribute more and more to the prosperity of the merchants of the city, large new outfits having just commenced work on the Kansas City road. Before long, it seems, too, there will be another line under construction and buying supplies. The newspapers contain the advertisements required by law for a corporate organization to build the fifty-odd miles of road from Goodwater which are needed to bring the Central of Georgia system into Birmingham, and the management of that system announce that work will begin just as soon as it can decide between several routes now being surveyed. This will make four railroads building to or from Birmingham, and give it about the most desirable new trunk line it could have.

Pig Iron.—The confidence all over the country in regard to the business of the fall and winter seems to have taken firm hold of the iron trade. The outlook for Pig Iron is certainly better than it has been since early spring, and actual business is proportionately improved. Inquiries are more frequent and more imperative from all quarters. The Western markets all now exhibiting the active disposition that seems to have been in control in the East for several weeks. On the whole prices are a shade better, too, than they were a week ago even. In one case, a few days ago, No. 1 Mill of a favorite brand was sold to go to an Eastern city at a price netting within a few cents of \$12.50, cash, at the furnace. This price is exceptional, unquestionably, but not conspicuously so when compared with the figures of other transactions in all grades as it would have been a very short while ago. Compared with the prices of some three months ago it shows abundant room for improvement. The same grade of iron is leaving here daily at a higher figure under contracts made in the spring. Some small business has been done with Pittsburgh in the last few days again. As an indication of the more confident feeling among buyers it may be worthy of mention that a new furnace company which will hardly be ready to make iron for six weeks yet is already receiving orders for its product.

Cast Pipe.—Does not seem to sell altogether as briskly as it did a while back, though there is still a demand that ought to bring new works to a place as well situated for manufacturing as Birmingham is. Prices, although irregular, still keep close to the averages of the last six months,

ranging from \$27 to \$30 according to size, from 8 to 3 inches.

Nails.—Are down to \$2.15 at Brierfield, the only place where they are made in the State just now. Those on the market here come mostly from the East.

Miscellaneous.—The small manufacturing enterprises and foundries and shops here could hardly accommodate more business than they have now. Nearly all of them are behind their orders. For urgent business depending upon the foundries the troubles have been aggravated for the last 10 days by the shut-down of the Linn Iron Works Foundry, the largest in the city, caused by the molders strike. The latter is now at an end and the men are returning to work to-day.

Iron Ore.—Ores of good quality find easy sale, and lands from which they can be dug are in demand. Several tracts of considerable size and value near this city have changed hands lately. Arrangements are in progress for several new openings of some importance.

Fuels.—Are in fair demand for immediate delivery, as well as the fall trade. In the last few days some good-sized contracts have been made in Steaming Coal for immediate use. Trade in domestic Coals has hardly taken definite shape yet, some of the leading operators being accidentally kept out of the market later than usual. The demand is good, though. In Coke the demand is almost uncomfortably close to the supply, and a positive scarcity before the completion of new ovens under way is threatened.

Chattanooga.

Office of The Iron Age, Carter and Ninth Sts., CHATTANOOGA, July 19, 1886.

The general course of business presents nothing new of interest. In manufacturing lines there is the usual steady demand, which may be said to be on the increase in consequence of the many new enterprises and the railroads that are being constructed. The Lumber business continues active all over the South, and is now looked upon as a steady and important article of Southern commerce. Reports from the crop regions are quite discouraging, in consequence of the heavy June and early July rains, but the weather appears now to have become settled, and farmers are making the most of the time in bringing their crops forward as fast as possible. Accommodations at the banks are getting to be more easily obtained, and the rates of discounts are gradually growing less. There are rumors of new furnace plants, and the available ground for their location is being very generally looked over and discussed. The construction of new lines of railroads is opening up many very favorable locations for the manufacture of Pig Iron, and the survey of any new line is immediately followed by investments in real estate, especially if the line passes through or near Coal or Iron lands.

Pig Iron.—The course that the iron market is taking is a matter of some little surprise. Such has been the number of inquiries and actual demand that there is a feeling of firmness that a few weeks ago was not anticipated by the producers; contracts for large amounts are not looked upon with favor by the producers unless full prices are offered. Some furnaces are in a condition to decline all overtures excepting for next year's delivery. Shipments to the Eastern States are at the present time larger than ever before; the average for the last four weeks will be about 6000 tons.

Miscellaneous.—It was stated some time since in the columns of The Iron Age that the Roane Iron Company had decided to enter the field of steel-making; we have now to note that they have commenced operations by putting about 100 men at work in cleaning up their works, digging foundations and preparing for the putting down of their new machinery as fast as it arrives. It is the intention of the company to have everything as complete and perfect as money and the ripest experience can command. Most of the machinery has been contracted for, and it is the intention of the management to be in full operation early in the coming year.

Cincinnati.

JULY 19, 1886.

Pig Iron.—The market remains without animation, and demand is reported by dealers to be confined mostly to supply of immediate wants. Inquiry for later supply continues as before, and some orders have been placed for round lots for delivery through this year at some concessions in prices on present quotations. Consulting the principal dealers here, the outlook on the market is thought to be encouraging for a larger consumption than this time last year without serious reduction in prices. Communications in this office from producers of all classes of Pig Irons in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan and West Pennsylvania corroborate the above review of the situation. Quotations for the past week f.o.b. here, or less the freight to Cincinnati when orders are for shipment direct from furnaces:

Charcoal Foundry.

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| Hanging Rock, Best, No. 1, 4 mos. | \$21.00 @ |
| Hanging Rock, Good, No. 1, 4 mos. | 20.00 @ |
| Hanging Rock, Good, No. 2, 4 mos. | 18.00 @ |
| Southern No. 1, 4 mos. | 17.50 @ |
| Southern No. 2, 4 mos. | 16.50 @ |
| Southern No. 3, 4 mos. | 15.50 @ |

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| Ohio and West Pennsylvania, No. 1, 4 mos. | 18.00 @ | 20.00 |
| Ohio and West Pennsylvania, No. 2, 4 mos. | 17.00 @ | 18.00 |
| Southern—Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, No. 1, 4 mos. | 16.50 @ | 17.50 |
| Southern—Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, No. 2, 4 mos. | 16.00 @ | 16.50 |
| Close Foundry and Mill grades. | 14.00 @ | 15.00 |

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| Ohio Stonecoal, No. 1, 4 mos. | 17.00 @ | 18.00 |
| Ohio Stonecoal, No. 2, 4 mos. | 16.00 @ | 17.00 |
| Ohio Stonecoal, No. 3, 4 mos. | 15.00 @ | 16.00 |

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| Southern Warm-Blast Charcoal, cash | 17.00 @ | 18.00 |
| Southern Standard Warm-Blast Charcoal, 4 mos. | 23.00 @ | 24.00 |
| Hanging Rock, Warm-Blast Charcoal, 4 mos. | 19.00 @ | 20.00 |
| Hanging Rock, Cold-Blast Charcoal, 4 mos. | 25.00 @ | 26.00 |
| Southern Cold-Blast Charcoal, 4 mos. | 24.00 @ | 25.00 |
| Maryland and Virginia. | 27.00 @ | 29.00 |

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| Southern Coke, Neutral, cash. | 14.00 @ | 14.50 |
| Southern Coke, Cold-Short, 4 mos. | 13.50 @ | 14.00 |
| Southern Coke, low grade, 4 mos. | 13.00 @ | 13.50 |
| Other makes, various grades, cash. | 15.00 @ | 17.00 |

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| Rails. | 20.00 @ | 20.50 |
| Wrought, for range of grades, 100 lb. | 16.50 @ | 17.00 |
| Cast, for range of grades, 100 lb. | 50 @ | 55 |
| Customary discount, 40¢ @ 50¢ 7/8 ton for ca-h from time prices. | | |

Louisville.

W. B. BELKNAP & Co., Louisville, write as follows, under date of July 19: Despite some untoward features in the way of local storms, droughts, &c., trade shows unmistakable signs of improvement. The volume is gradually increasing and orders are more frequent. It is only natural that it should be so at this time of the year. In certain sections, however, where agricultural interests have not prospered collections are behindhand and jobbers generally averse to extending lines of credit.

Bar Iron.—Is steady, with fair demand. There is nothing lively in sight, but manufacturers are bent on obtaining present prices, and seem disinclined to offer concessions that amount to anything.

Hoops and Bands.—Are still extremely low and seem destined to remain so. Many of the mills which made these a specialty have lately gone into other Irons, mainly the guide-mill sizes.

Sheet.—Is stuck at early summer prices. Any marked advance seems unlikely; at the same time there are no signs of weakness.

Steel.—The lower grades of steel are holding their own well at what are known as combination prices, but still there seems to be no disposition to go below them on the part of manufacturers, no matter how independent they claim to be. Cast Steel of various kinds, however, is offered at extremely low figures, but the makers of well-established brands declare that the lower prices are only a measure of inferiority, that the cheap so-called "Tool" or Cast Steel does not run uniform, and will not prove satisfactory to the careful user.

Nails.—Are not overplentiful, and immediate deliveries of assorted lots of any magnitude are difficult to secure. The demand is not strong enough to make much of an advance in prices, but to run stocks both in the hands of merchants and manufacturers to a very low ebb.

Wire.—Is comparatively dull. Some small lots are selling as the farmers harvest their crops, but here again the general demand is too light to brag on. Better things are promised for the fall, but an advance is never so easy to make as a decline, and it will be with extreme difficulty that ground once lost is regained.

Detroit.

CHARLES HINDBO & Co., dealers in Pig Iron, Detroit, Mich., report, under date of July 19, as follows: The speculative element in the market has been very noticeable during the past week. Several inquiries have been made for large amounts from outside sources, and this coupled with other things confirms the idea that the lowest price must have been reached. It is obvious to-day that manufacturers will not continue business at a loss, having the last year or two's experience to guide them. There cannot be a mistake in buying, and the furnaces in a measure realize this, and seem loth to place more than their present product at existing rates, and each one is trying to shorten deliveries on contracts as far as possible. While there has been no advance in price, a noticeable stiffness can be observed. Some inquiries for Old Material have been made, but no transactions occurred here. We should say the market fairly quotable to-day as follows:

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| Lake Superior Charcoal, all num- | \$21.50 @ | \$22.50 |
| Lake Superior Coke, All Ore. | 30.00 @ | 31.00 |
| Lake Superior Coke, Cinder Mixed. | 18.00 @ | 19.00 |
| Standard Ohio Blackband. | 30.00 @ | 31.00 |
| Southern No. 1. | 17.00 @ | 17.50 |
| Southern No. 2. | 17.00 @ | 17.50 |
| Southern Silvery, Close. | 16.50 @ | 17.00 |
| Jackson County, Ohio Silvery. | 18.00 @ | 19.00 |
| American Old Iron Rails. | 30.00 @ | 31.00 |
| Old Wheels. | 16.50 @ | 17.50 |

Baltimore.

W. N. WYETH, Iron and Steel merchant, 46 and 48 South Charles street, reports us the following, under date of July 19: Since our last report the situation has somewhat changed for the better, mainly, attributable to two causes—the suspension of operation of the Philadelphia mills, arising from the action of their men and the nearly exhausted condition of stocks on hand. The combining of these two facts has stimulated inquiry and replenition of supplies, with an improved outlook. We revise prices as follows:

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| Ref. Bar Iron, 1 to 6 x 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 | \$1.50 @ | \$2.00 |
| " " 1 to 4 1/2 x 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 | \$1.50 @ | \$2.00 |
| " " 3/4 to 2, Round. | \$1.50 @ | \$2.00 |
| and Square. | \$1.50 @ | \$2.00 |
| Round Iron, 1 1/2 wide and upward | \$2.50 @ | \$3.00 |
| Band Iron, from 1 1/2 to 6 1/2 wide | 2.50 @ | 2.90 |
| Hors. Shoe Iron. | 3.50 @ | 4.00 |
| N. W. Nail Rods. | 5 @ | 5 1/2 |
| Black Diamond Cast Steel. | 9 @ | 10 |
| Machinery Steel. | 3 1/2 @ | 4 1/2 |
| Spring Steel. | 3 1/2 @ | 4 |
| Common Horse Nails. | 8 @ | 9 |
| Railroad Spikes, 5 1/2 x 9-16 | 2.30 @ | 2 1/2 |
| Perkins's Horse Shoes, 7 keg of 100 lb. | \$3.50 | |
| W. N. W. Horse Shoes. | 4.50 | |
| Boiler Tubes. | 53 1/2 @ | off list |

St. Louis.

ROGERS, BROWN & Co., St. Louis, W. H. SHIELDS, manager, report, under date of July 19: There is considerable inquiry and everything points to a large business this fall. Prices are very low and irregular. The machine shops and car works are flooded with inquiries as well as orders. One of the roads here let an order for 500 cars a short time since, and the Missouri Pacific let an order Monday last for 500 box and 300 freight cars.

Charcoal Foundry.

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| Missouri. | \$16.00 @ | \$17.00 |
| Southern. | 17.00 @ | 18.00 |

Coal and Coke Foundry.

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| Southern, No. 1. | 16.50 @ | 17.50 |
| Southern, No. 2. | 16.00 @ | 16.50 |
| Ohio Softeners. | 17.00 @ | 20.00 |

Mill Iron.

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| Missouri. | 15.50 @ | 16.00 |
| Southern. | 14.00 @ | 15.50 |

Car-Wheel and Malleable Irons.

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| Southern. | 30.00 @ | 35.00 |
| Lake Superior. | 21.00 @ | 23.00 |

Scrap, &c.

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| Old Wheels. | 16.00 @ | 16.25 |
| Cornellville Coke (Frick's). | 6 @ | 5.65 |

Imports.

The following were the Imports of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York for the week ending July 21, 1886:

| Hardware. | Mer. Disp. Co. |
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| Alexandre F. & Sons, Rivets, barrel, 1 Cases, 4 | Wire, bbls., 30 Naylor & Co., Coils, 1532 Bundles, 763 Bars, 5205 Nash David, Iron drums, 4 Plock & Co., Rivet wire rods, coils, 1057 Bars, 10,426 Bundles, 24 Order. Coiled rods, bbls., 554 Spiegel, tons, 500 Old rails, pcs., 1546 Pig, tons, 4000 Rail ends, tons, 300 Wrought pipes, 9 Coiled wire, cks., 12 Scrap, tons, 170 Ore, tons, 750 |
| Diekerhoff, Ratlaer & Co., Cases, 2 Gins, cs., 16 Drexel, Morgan & Co., Arms, cs., 15 Dreyfus, Weiler & Co., Cases, 2 Field Alfred & Co., Cases, 2 Case, 1 Guns, cs., 9 Gordon Otto, Bundles, 196 Bales, 9 Hartley & Graham, Guns, cs., 4 Mds., cs., 3 Kayser Julius, Mach'y, cs., 4 Kuhe E. S., Mach'y, cs., 36 Lau J. H. & Co., Arms, case, 1 Lennard S. & Sons, Mach'y, case, 1 Montgomery & Co., Magnets, case, 1 Moore's Sons, J. P., Guns, cs., 7 Navy Yard, Guns, &c., 2 Pringle & Horne, Mach'y, cs., 2 Rose L. P., Mach'y, case, 1 Schoverling, Daly & Gales, Cases, 36 Sundries, pkgs., 5 Sellers W. B., Mds., case, 1 Taylor Thos., Mds., cs., 4 Vahlen Aug., Mach'y, pkgs., 1 Ward Jas. E. & Co., Case, 1 Wiebusch & Hilger, Cases, 50 Anvils, 184 Witte John G. & Bro., Guns, cs., 24 Cutlery, cs., 14 Zoller Chas., Mach'y, pkgs., 2 Order. Scale pans, 200 Mach'y, cs., 78 Ironware, cs., 6 Cases, 32 Mach'y, pkgs. and pcs., 11 Mach'y, pkgs., 139 | Steel. |
| | Abbutt Jere & Co., Cases, 22 Bars, 4 Bundles, 2 Boker Carl F., Pkgs., 7 Elgin Nat. Watch Co., Wire, cs., 6 German Bank of Lon- don, Hoops, bbls., 9450 Lazars & Co., Cases, 7 Packages, 2 Lundberg (Just), Bars, 1282 Mayer, Strouze & Co., Cases, 35 Morton, Bliss & Co., Sheets, 36 Naylor & Co., Blooms, 1808 Order. Bloom ends, t'sns, 186 Crop ends, tons, 13 Tubes, 100 Tubes, cs., 4 Packages, 19 Axle, 1 Rods, bbls., 7339 Tires, 138 Billeets, 1181 Bars, 55 Strips, cks., 33 Plates, box, 1 |
| | Metals. |
| | Alexandre F. & Sons, Copper, cs., 3 Copper, sheets, 15 Bruce & Cook, Tin plates, bxs., 190 Black pla., bxs., 168 Central Stamping Co., Tin plates, bxs., 2705 DeMitt H. R. & Co., Tin plates, bxs., 890 Gould R. S., Brasswork, cs., 6 Hense, Bruckman & Co., Cartridges, case, 1 Lockhart C. H., Metal, bags, 100 Mersick & Co. C. 8, Tin plates, bxs., 220 Moore's Sons, J. P., Shot and wads, cs., 6 Pheips, Dodge & Co., Tin plates, bxs., 23,588 Reg. antimony, cks., 27 Reid John, Tubs, baths, &c., pkgs., 87 Schoverling, Daly & Gales, Gun caps, cs., 6 Central Stamping Co., Tin plates, bxs., 550 Order. Lead, pigs, 3975 Tin plates and tag- gers, bxs., 687 Tin plates, bxs., 26,453 Tin, Ingots, 1400 Tin, bbls., 5 Bismuth, cs., 7 Bismuth, bbls, 2 Quicksilver, bottles, 250 Tin slabs, 4261 |

Trade Report.

General Hardware.

Trade continues small, but there is a good feeling as to the future. In many lines of goods the tone of the market is decidedly better than it has been, and the changes in prices show an upward tendency. Crop reports, while by no means uniformly good, are considered on the whole encouraging.

On Thursday last the expected action in Nails, an advance to \$2.20 from store, was taken, and since then the market has been quiet, but steady. As is usual after an announcement of such a character, buyers are quite generally holding off, while sellers maintain a firm attitude. With some of the mills well sold up, others partly idle and not a few closed down entirely, a deadlock may be the principal feature of the market for weeks. We quote \$2.20 from store, and \$2.10 from dock.

The market for Barb Wire is quiet, with a fair amount of business for the season at unchanged prices.

The Axe manufacturers held a meeting last week at Saratoga, but nothing is known yet of their action, if any was taken.

The manufacturers of Scythes, at a meeting last week, reaffirmed present prices without taking any other action. It is hoped the trade will be in a better condition next season than last, as it will be free from the demoralizing influence of large quantities of goods bought at low prices before the combination went into effect.

The manufacturers of Machine Bolts and Coach and Lag Screws are all endeavoring to advance prices, and the market is in consequence much firmer than it was. There is no such movement in the case of Carriage Bolts.

The Screw market is becoming a little more irregular, some manufacturers showing a disposition to quote lower prices than have been ruling, and the market is therefore weaker, though the leading manufacturers are not meeting the extreme prices.

The Ireland Mfg. Company, W. H. Jacobus & Co., agents, 90 Chambers street, New York, have reduced the price of the Morris Sash Locks to the following figures:

Iron, Nos. 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057, 058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

The Association of Copper Manufacturers of the United States have adopted, under date of the 17th inst. the following prices for SHEET AND BOLT COPPER.

It will be observed that the classification is altered and the price advanced about a cent a pound:

| Sizes of sheets. | 64 oz. and over. | 32 oz. to 63 oz. incl. | 16 oz. to 31 oz. incl. | 8 oz. to 15 oz. incl. | 4 oz. to 7 oz. incl. | 2 oz. to 3 oz. incl. | 1 oz. to 1.5 oz. incl. | 1/2 oz. to 1 oz. incl. | 1/4 oz. to 1/2 oz. incl. | 1/8 oz. to 1/4 oz. incl. | 1/16 oz. to 1/8 oz. incl. | 1/32 oz. to 1/16 oz. incl. | 1/64 oz. to 1/32 oz. incl. | 1/128 oz. to 1/64 oz. incl. | 1/256 oz. to 1/128 oz. incl. | 1/512 oz. to 1/256 oz. incl. | 1/1024 oz. to 1/512 oz. incl. | 1/2048 oz. to 1/1024 oz. incl. | 1/4096 oz. to 1/2048 oz. incl. | 1/8192 oz. to 1/4096 oz. incl. | 1/16384 oz. to 1/8192 oz. incl. | 1/32768 oz. to 1/16384 oz. incl. | 1/65536 oz. to 1/32768 oz. incl. | 1/131072 oz. to 1/65536 oz. incl. | 1/262144 oz. to 1/131072 oz. incl. | 1/524288 oz. to 1/262144 oz. incl. | 1/1048576 oz. to 1/524288 oz. incl. | 1/2097152 oz. to 1/1048576 oz. incl. | 1/4194304 oz. to 1/2097152 oz. incl. | 1/8388608 oz. to 1/4194304 oz. incl. | 1/16777216 oz. to 1/8388608 oz. incl. | 1/33554432 oz. to 1/16777216 oz. incl. | 1/67108864 oz. to 1/33554432 oz. incl. | 1/134217728 oz. to 1/67108864 oz. incl. | 1/268435456 oz. to 1/134217728 oz. incl. | 1/536870912 oz. to 1/268435456 oz. incl. | 1/1073741824 oz. to 1/536870912 oz. incl. | 1/2147483648 oz. to 1/1073741824 oz. incl. | 1/4294967296 oz. to 1/2147483648 oz. incl. | 1/8589934592 oz. to 1/4294967296 oz. incl. | 1/17179869184 oz. to 1/8589934592 oz. incl. | 1/34359738368 oz. to 1/17179869184 oz. incl. | 1/68719476736 oz. to 1/34359738368 oz. incl. | 1/137438953472 oz. to 1/68719476736 oz. incl. | 1/274877906944 oz. to 1/137438953472 oz. incl. | 1/549755813888 oz. to 1/274877906944 oz. incl. | 1/1099511627776 oz. to 1/549755813888 oz. incl. | 1/2199023255552 oz. to 1/1099511627776 oz. incl. | 1/4398046511104 oz. to 1/2199023255552 oz. incl. | 1/8796093022208 oz. to 1/4398046511104 oz. incl. | 1/17592186044416 oz. to 1/8796093022208 oz. incl. | 1/35184372088832 oz. to 1/17592186044416 oz. incl. | 1/70368744177664 oz. to 1/35184372088832 oz. incl. | 1/140737488355328 oz. to 1/70368744177664 oz. incl. | 1/281474976710656 oz. to 1/140737488355328 oz. incl. | 1/562949953421312 oz. to 1/281474976710656 oz. incl. | 1/1125899906842624 oz. to 1/562949953421312 oz. incl. | 1/2251799813685248 oz. to 1/1125899906842624 oz. incl. | 1/4503599627370496 oz. to 1/2251799813685248 oz. incl. | 1/9007199254740992 oz. to 1/4503599627370496 oz. incl. | 1/18014398509481984 oz. to 1/9007199254740992 oz. incl. | 1/36028797018963968 oz. to 1/18014398509481984 oz. incl. | 1/72057594037927936 oz. to 1/36028797018963968 oz. incl. | 1/144115188075855872 oz. to 1/72057594037927936 oz. incl. | 1/288230376151711744 oz. to 1/144115188075855872 oz. incl. | 1/576460752303423488 oz. to 1/288230376151711744 oz. incl. | 1/1152921504606846976 oz. to 1/576460752303423488 oz. incl. | 1/2305843009213693952 oz. to 1/1152921504606846976 oz. incl. | 1/4611686018427387904 oz. to 1/2305843009213693952 oz. incl. | 1/9223372036854775808 oz. to 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them, and then if they have to be drawn for any reason they may use the wood so that our builders will not use them. Indeed, most of them prefer a clean Iron Nail to the Steel Nail.

Aspen, Col.—In this immediate locality the Barb Wire Nail has not been introduced, except in a very small way for tin roofing. I believe Denver is now trying them, but I have heard of their introduction in no other portion of Colorado. The Nails made by the Colorado Coal and Iron Co. until recently were far superior to any Nail that has ever been made in the East, owing to the very superior quality of the iron used by the company, which they mine and put through all the different processes until the Nail is made. These Nails being of such tough iron they have been used largely as Clinch Nails, for making doors and such work and in consequence, the consumers have had little occasion to call for anything different.

The following is the new discount sheet (No. 5) of the

PECK, STOW & WILCOX CO.,

just issued, but bearing the date of June 24, 1886. Special goods marked A are net, and subject only to a cash discount of 2 per cent. All others are subject to a cash discount of 10 per cent.

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| 13-15, Stow's Patent Folders. | A. net |
| 16, 17, Grooving Machines. | A. net |
| 18-25, Stow's Patent Machines. | A. net |
| 26-31, Raymond's Patent Machines. | A. net |
| 32-37, No. 1 Machines. | A. net |
| 38, Power Machines. | A. net |
| 39, Moore's Double Seamers. | A. net |
| 40, 41, Stow's Double Seamers. | A. net |
| 42, 43, Olmsted's Double Seamers. | A. net |
| 44, Burton's Double Seamers. | A. net |
| 45, Hulbert's Double Seamers. | A. net |
| 46, 47, Beading Machines. | A. net |
| 48, 49, Crimping Machines. | A. net |
| 50, Stove-Pipe Formers, Nos. 1, 2. | A. net |
| 51, Tin Pipe Formers, Nos. 1, 2. | A. net |
| 52, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. | A. net |

Tinners' Hardware.

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| 95-100, Coffee Mills. | A. 45¢ |
| 101, Candle Sticks. | A. 35¢ |
| 102, Fine Sticks. | A. 35¢ |
| 103, American Snuffers. | No goods |
| 104, Plumbers' Scrapers. | A. 25¢ |
| 105, Paste Jiggers. | A. 25¢ |
| 106, Copers and Copper Handles. | A. 40¢ |
| 107, Plumbers' Ladders. | A. 25¢ |
| 108, Wire Gauges. | A. 15¢ |
| 109, Fire Pots. | A. 35¢ |
| 110, Malleable Kettle Ears. | A. 35¢ |
| 111, Kettle and Tea-Kettle Ears. | A. 35¢ |
| 112, Malleable Ears and Clips. | A. 25¢ |
| 113, Milk Cans and Toilet Handles. | A. 25¢ |
| 114, Saucepan Handles. | A. 35¢ |
| 115, Teapot Handles. | A. 35¢ |
| 116, Waffle Iron and Coffee Roasters. | A. 10¢ |
| 117, Toy Sad-Iron Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 118, Sad-Iron Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 119, Coffee-Pot Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 120, Stove Cover Lifters. | A. 35¢ |
| 121-123, Stove Pokers. | A. 35¢ |
| 124-125, Coal Tongs. | A. 35¢ |
| 126, Coal Shovels. | A. 35¢ |
| 127-128, Shovel, Tong and Rakers. | A. 35¢ |
| 129, Shovel and Tong Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 130, Fire Pots. | A. 35¢ |
| 131-132, Fire and Kitchen Sets. | A. 35¢ |
| 133, Blower Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 134, 147, Iron Fire Dogs. | A. 35¢ |
| 148-149, Brass and Iron Fire Dogs. | A. 35¢ |
| 150, Umbrella Stands. | A. 35¢ |
| 151-152, Match Plates and Safes. | A. 35¢ |
| 153, Towel Rollers. | A. 35¢ |
| 154, Book Binds. | A. 35¢ |
| 155, Store Bins. | A. 35¢ |

General Hardware.

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| 173, Mechanics' Wrenches. | A. 60¢ |
| 174, Machinists' Wrenches. | A. 60¢ |
| 175, Agricultural Wrenches. | A. 70¢ |
| 176, Shepherds' Wrenches. | A. 70¢ |
| 177, Coo's Malleable Wrenches. | A. 75¢ |
| 178, Add Hardens' Pocket Wrenches. | A. 75¢ |
| 179, No. 1 Plain, 4 inches, per doz. | \$3.75 |
| 180, No. 2 Polished, 4 inches, per doz. | \$4.25 |
| 181, No. 3 Nickel Plated, 4 in., per doz. | \$4.75 |
| 182, No. 4 Plain, 6 inches, per doz. | \$4.25 |
| 183, No. 5 Polished, 6 inches, per doz. | \$4.75 |
| 184, No. 6 Nickel Plated, 6 in., per doz. | \$5.25 |
| 185, 177, Steel and Iron Squares. | A. 60¢ |
| 186, Wire Dividers. | A. 50¢ |
| 187, Calipers and Compasses. | A. 50¢ |
| 188, Flat and Round nosed Pliers. | A. 50¢ |
| 189, Carpenters' Pincers. | A. 40¢ |
| 190, Add 6 inch. | A. 50¢ |
| 191, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 1. | A. 60¢ |
| 192, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 2. | A. 60¢ |
| 193, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 3. | A. 60¢ |
| 194, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 4. | A. 60¢ |
| 195, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 5. | A. 60¢ |
| 196, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 6. | A. 60¢ |
| 197, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 7. | A. 60¢ |
| 198, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 8. | A. 60¢ |
| 199, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 9. | A. 60¢ |
| 200, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 10. | A. 60¢ |
| 201, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 11. | A. 60¢ |
| 202, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 12. | A. 60¢ |
| 203, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 13. | A. 60¢ |
| 204, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 14. | A. 60¢ |
| 205, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 15. | A. 60¢ |
| 206, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 16. | A. 60¢ |
| 207, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 17. | A. 60¢ |
| 208, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 18. | A. 60¢ |
| 209, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 19. | A. 60¢ |
| 210, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 20. | A. 60¢ |
| 211, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 21. | A. 60¢ |
| 212, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 22. | A. 60¢ |
| 213, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 23. | A. 60¢ |
| 214, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 24. | A. 60¢ |
| 215, Socket Firmer Chisels, No. 25. | A. 60¢ |

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| 215, Door Clamps. | A. 30¢ |
| 216, 217, Quilt Frame and Cabinet Clamps. | A. 30¢ |
| 218, Carriage-makers' Clamps. | A. 30¢ |
| 219, Ice Picks and Ice Axes and Picks. | A. 30¢ |
| 220, Scratch Awns. | A. 30¢ |
| 221, 222, Steelyards. | A. 30¢ |
| 223, Scale Beams. | A. 30¢ |
| 224, Spring Balances. | A. 30¢ |
| 225, Tea and Counter Scales. | A. 30¢ |
| 226, Dixon's Meat Cutters. | A. 30¢ |
| 227, Hale's Meat Cutters. | A. 30¢ |
| 228, 229, Meat Cutters. | A. 30¢ |
| 230, Sausage Fillers. | A. 30¢ |
| 231, Cherry Seeders. | A. 30¢ |
| 232, Apple Parers. | A. 30¢ |
| 233, Tobacco Cutters. | A. 30¢ |
| 234, Door Bells—change list. | A. 30¢ |
| 235, Add No. 07 Bell Lever. | A. 30¢ |
| 236, Change list, No. 08 to 10. | A. 30¢ |
| 237-241, Door Bells and Levers. | A. 30¢ |
| 242, Trip Gong Bells. | A. 30¢ |
| 243, Alarm Door Bells. | A. 30¢ |
| 244, 245, House Bells on Carriages. | A. 30¢ |
| 246, Sikke Bell Pulls. | A. 30¢ |
| 247, 248, Bell Cranks. | A. 30¢ |
| 249, Bell Cranks, Spikes and Springs. | A. 30¢ |
| 250, Hand Bells. | A. 30¢ |
| 251-254, Call Bells. | A. 30¢ |
| 255-259, Flush Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 260, 261, Cast Brass Flush Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 262, 263, Mortise Front Door Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 264-266, Chain Door Fasteners. | A. 30¢ |
| 267-269, Chain Door Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 270, Bottom Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 271, 272, Spring Foot Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 273-276, Square Spring and Square Case Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 277, Nos. 415 and 417, Wrought Spring Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 278, No. 545, Cast Spring Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 279, Wrought-Iron Square Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 280, Cast Brass Square Spring Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 281, Cast Brass Square Neck Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 282, No. 455, Wrought Square Necked Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 283, No. 545, Cast Square Necked Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 284-286, Barrel Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 287, Nos. 500, 506, Cast Barrel Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 288, 289, Wrought Barrel Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 290, 291, Cast Brass Barrel Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 292, Iron Bolt Tower Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 293, No. 505, Flat Shutter Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 294, No. 505, Lever Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 295, Japanned Staples. | A. 30¢ |
| 296, Straight Cupboard Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 297-299, Flat Cupboard Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 300, Brass Show Case Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 301, Flush Cupboard Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 302, 303, Brass Flush Cupboard Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 304, 305, Cupboard Latches. | A. 30¢ |
| 306-308, Cupboard Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 309-311, French Window Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 312-314, Cupboard Turns. | A. 30¢ |
| 315, 316, Screen Door Catches. | A. 30¢ |
| 317-319, Card Frames. | A. 30¢ |
| 320-322, Sash Fast. | A. 30¢ |
| 323-325, Sash Locks and Window Casters. | A. 30¢ |
| 326-328, Shutter Bars. | A. 30¢ |
| 329-331, Sash Lifts. | A. 30¢ |
| 332-334, Sash Lifts and Locks. | A. 30¢ |
| 335, Shutter Knobs. | A. 30¢ |
| 336, Stubs and Plates. | A. 30¢ |
| 337, Shutter Screws. | A. 30¢ |
| 338, Window Spring Bolts and Sockets. | A. 30¢ |
| 339, Window Springs. | A. 30¢ |
| 340, Add Window Springs to screw. | A. 30¢ |
| 341, No. 27, Brass Bolt, per gross. | A. 30¢ |
| 342, No. 29, Iron Bolt, per gross. | A. 30¢ |
| 343, 344, Sash Cord Irons, Centers and Props. | A. 30¢ |
| 345, 346, Trunk and Sash Rollers. | A. 30¢ |
| 347, 348, Axle and Frame Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 349, Hay Fork Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 350, Add No. 14—1/4 inch list. | A. 30¢ |
| 351, 352, Screw and Side Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 353, Upright and Yard Line Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 354, Add Yard Line Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 355, 3/4 inch, per doz. \$0.25; 1/2 inch, per doz. \$0.40; | A. 30¢ |
| 356, 3/4 inch, per doz. \$1.75. | A. 30¢ |
| 357, Clothes-Line Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 358, 359, Hot-House and Awning pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 360, Sliding Shutter Shafts. | A. 30¢ |
| 361, Incaised Swivel Pulleys. | A. 30¢ |
| 362, Well Wheels and Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 363, 364, Drawer Pulls. | A. 30¢ |
| 365, 366, Card Frames. | A. 30¢ |
| 367, Cast Brass Flush Rings. | A. 30¢ |
| 368, Pendant Drawer Pulls. | A. 30¢ |
| 369, Drawer and Lifting Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 370, Cast Brass Lifting Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 371, Japanned Lifting Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 372-374, Chest Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 375, French Window-Shutter Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 376, Trap-door Rings. | A. 30¢ |
| 377, Door Knobs. | A. 30¢ |
| 378, 379, Eucytechna. | A. 30¢ |
| 380, 412, 413, Letter-box Plates. | A. 30¢ |
| 381, 414-435, Store-door Handles. | A. 30¢ |
| 382, Barn-door Bolts. | A. 30¢ |
| 383, 437, Barn-door Latches. | A. 30¢ |
| 384, Add Cottage Latch—No. 29, per doz. \$1. | A. 30¢ |
| 385-441, Thumb Latches. | A. 30¢ |
| 442-446, Door Pulls. | A. 30¢ |
| 447, Add Screen Door Pull No. 7. Per doz. \$0.36 | A. 30¢ |
| 448-449, Hat and Coat Hooks with Wrought | A. 30¢ |
| 450, Add Hat and Coat Hooks with Wrought | A. 30¢ |
| 451, Screw: No. 33 Japanned, per grs. \$3.00; No. | A. 30¢ |
| 452, Coppered, per gross. \$3.00. | A. 30¢ |
| 453-454, Wardrobe Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 455-457, School-house Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 458-459, Clothes-line Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 460, 461, Harness Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 462-467, Chandelier and Ceiling Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 468, Lamp and Cabin-door Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 469, Drive and Screw Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 470, Molding and Mirror Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 471, Cup Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 472, Hammock Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 473-479, Bird-eyes Hooks. | A. 30¢ |
| 480-500, Casters, see new list, old list. | A. 30¢ |
| 501, Bedstead Fastenings. | A. 30¢ |
| 502, Ox Bow Pins. | A. 30¢ |
| 503, Chain Leaders and Bull Rings. | A. 30¢ |
| 504, Ox Bauls. | A. 30¢ |
| 505, Plumb Bobs. | A. 30¢ |
| 506, Hitching Rings. | A. 30¢ |
| 507, Hog Scrapers. | A. 30¢ |
| 508, Pruning Shears. | A. 30¢ |
| 509, Nut Crackers. | A. 30¢ |
| 510, 511, Garden Forks and Trowels. | A. 30¢ |
| 512, Boot Jacks. | A. 30¢ |
| 513, Foot Scrapers. | A. 30¢ |
| 514-517, Kitchen Grindstones. | A. 30¢ |
| 518, Grindstone Fixtures. | A. 30¢ |
| 519-521, Strap and T Hinges. | A. 30¢ |
| 522, Hinge Hubs. | A. 30¢ |
| 523, 524, Hook and Plate Hinges. | A. 30¢ |
| 525-529, Wrought Butts and Hinges. | A. 30¢ |
| 530-532, Spring Hinges. | A. 30¢ |
| 533, Loose Pin Butts, No. 1. | A. 30¢ |
| 534, Loose Pin Butts, No. 10. | A. 30¢ |
| 535, Loose Pin Butts, Nos. 30 and 60. | A. 30¢ |
| 536, Blind Hinges. | A. 30¢ |
| 537-543, Hinges and Gate Latches. | A. 30¢ |
| 544, 545, Barn-door Hangers. | A. 30¢ |
| 546, Barn-door Stays. | A. 30¢ |
| 547, Barn-door Rollers. | A. 30¢ |
| 548, Sliding-door Shafts. | A. 30¢ |
| 549, Barn and Sliding-door Rail. | A. 30¢ |
| 550, 551, Pitcher Pumps. | A. 30¢ |
| 552-554, Steel Hammers. | A. 30¢ |
| 555, Saddlers' Punches. | A. 30¢ |
| 556, Tack and Nail Puller. | A. 30¢ |
| 557, Agricultural Screw-Drivers. | A. 30¢ |
| 558-572, Flower Pot and Lamp Bracket. | A. 30¢ |
| 573-580, Shelf Brackets. | A. 30¢ |
| 581, Flower Baskets. | A. 30¢ |
| 582-584, Twine Boxes. | A. 30¢ |
| 585, Erasers. | A. 30¢ |
| 586, Card Racks. | A. 30¢ |
| 587-589, Ink Stands. | A. 30¢ |
| 590-599, Paper Files. | A. 30¢ |
| 600, 601, Paper Clips. | A. 30¢ |
| 602, 604, Paper Weights. | A. 30¢ |

Carriage and Saddlery Hardware.

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| 607, Common Carriage Bolts. | A. 75¢ |
| 608, Common Tire Bolts. | A. No goods |
| 609, Phil. Pat. Carriage and Tire | A. 80¢ |
| 610, Eagle Carriage and Tire Bolts. | A. 75¢ |
| 611, Machine Bolts. | A. 75¢ |
| 612, Bolt Ends. | A. 75¢ |
| 613, Coach Screws. | A. 80¢ |
| 614, Gimlet-pointed Coach Screws. | A. 75¢ |
| 615, Sleigh-Shoe Bolts. | A. 75¢ |
| 616, Flaw Bolts. | A. 80¢ |
| 617, Felloe Plates. | A. 80¢ |
| 618, Iron Washers, 7/16 and less. | A. 3/4¢ off list |
| 619, Iron Washers, 7/16 and larger. | A. 3/4¢ off list |
| 620, Square Nuts, 3/4 and less. | A. 3/4¢ off list |
| 621, Square Nuts, 7/16 and larger. | A. 3/4¢ off list |
| 622, Hexagon Nuts. | A. 10¢ off list |
| 623, Tubular Lantern Holder. | A. 5¢ |

ARRANGEMENT OF HARDWARE STORES.

The accompanying illustration, Fig. 106, represents still another form of Nail Counter, in which it will be observed there are features entirely different from those possessed by any we have before described. We are indebted for the suggestion to W. E. Orcutt, Roscommon, Mich., who, in referring to it, says:

The upper bins open both front and back, and are filled from the back by raising 8 inches of the counter top and dumping the

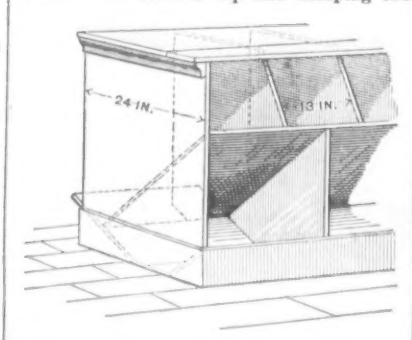


Fig. 106.—Rear View of Nail Counter.

keg directly into the bin. The strip of counter that is to be raised should be in sections, and may be hinged or simply have cleats fastened to it extending under the solid top. The lower bins can be used for Nails that are sold least, or for Strap and T Hinges.

A Hardwareman in Connecticut sends us drawings and description of the Steel Goods Rack which is represented in the accompanying illustration, Fig. 107, and its

Technical drawing of a wooden shelving unit, likely a bookshelf or storage cabinet, showing dimensions in feet and inches.

The unit consists of a base and several shelves above it. The overall height is 8 FT. 9 IN. The width of the unit is 10 FT. 0 IN. The depth of the unit is 4 FT. 3 IN. The base is 2 FT. 4 IN. high. The shelves are supported by a central vertical post and a side panel. The shelves are labeled with dimensions: 8 FT. (width) and 10 FT. 0 IN. (depth).

MANUFACTURING.

Iron and Steel.

Manager Flagler, of the National Tube Works, at McKeesport, Pa., has ordered work to be suspended on 28 new puddling furnaces being erected, awaiting the result of the difficulty between the firm and the employees over the action of the latter in joining the Amalgamated Association, which was noted in these columns last week. Mr. Flagler states that he will not employ a man that is a member of the Amalgamated Association, and that he will turn the new furnaces into steel furnaces if the trouble is not speedily settled.

The new mill of the Columbia Iron Company, at Columbia, Pa., has commenced operations. The mill is 80 feet in width and 100 feet in length, and contains two heating and six puddling furnaces, and will manufacture merchant bar, small size skelp iron and horseshoe iron. It will employ about 75 hands.

It is stated on good authority that large shipments of basic steel are now on the way from Germany to Pittsburgh. One of the cargoes now on the way is for a manufacturer of tubes and pipes, and is to be used for making natural gas pipes.

The Falcon Iron and Nail Company has closed negotiations with Cleveland, Brown & Co., of Cleveland, by which they secure a three-year lease of the Russia rolling mill, at Niles, Ohio, with the privilege of purchase if they so desire. Arrangements are being made to have the plant overhauled, repairs made and the machinery placed in running order as soon as possible. The citizens of Niles are raising \$1500 to present to the company in order to expedite matters and get the mill in operation.

The Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Works, at Pittsburgh, started up double turn in nearly all departments last week, with good prospects for a steady run.

The works of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, at Uniontown, Pa., are completed and in full operation. The company is filling orders for bridges from all parts of the State.

Messrs. Henry H. Yard, of New Jersey, and Charles H. Krumbhaar, of Philadelphia, have been appointed receivers of the Columbia Liberty Iron Company, which has been operating the two furnaces in Virginia from which the company took its name.

M. V. Smith has received orders for 11 regenerative gas furnaces to be used in iron and steel mills. Of these six are for Cartwright, McCurdy & Co., of Youngstown, and one for the Trumbull Iron Company, of the same place. The Sharon Iron Company, of Sharon, get another, while the Belleville Iron and Steel Nail Company, of Belleville, Ill., have ordered two. The last one ordered was by the Glasgow Steel Company, of Pottsville, Pa.

At the rail mill of the Troy Steel and Iron Company 6 heaters and 24 helpers struck for an advance of 35 to 55 per cent. on the 12th. On the 17th the works were closed, but they started again pending the decision of the State Board of Arbitration, to which the matter has been submitted.

The rolling mill of the Bethlehem Iron Company, at Bethlehem, Pa., owing to a pressure of orders, is to be run day and night from midnight each Sunday until midnight on the following Saturday. That is, the only time the mill will be idle will be during the twenty-four hours which constitute Sunday. The change goes into effect to-day, when the rolls will be kept going until midnight.

The new steel plant being erected by the Wheeling Steel Company, at Benwood, W. Va., will be ready to commence operations in a few days.

Seaman, Sleeth & Black, proprietors of the Phoenix Roll Works, at Pittsburgh, have recently shipped to the Wheeling Steel Works, at Benwood, W. Va., two of their patent semi-steel chill rolls weighing 10 tons each. They inform us that they are very busy at present and are running full in all departments.

The Missouri Car and Foundry Company, of St. Louis, have placed all their contracts for the machinery to be used in the rebuilt portion of their works. The 500-horse-power Corlies engine employed in the mill, which they thought would have to be replaced, will be repaired and brought into service again.

The Allentown Rolling Mill Company, at Allentown, Pa., are entering largely into the manufacture of bridges, and have just been awarded the contracts for six iron bridges for streams in Luzerne County.

Machinery.

J. P. Witherow, of Pittsburgh, has received an order from the Belleville Nail Works, of Belleville, Ill., for 1500 horse power of the Heine safety boiler. They are similar to those now being erected in the mill of Shoenberger & Co. and Oliver Bros. & Phillips, at Pittsburgh. Mr. Witherow informs us that his works are running fuller now than at any previous time for years.

Brown Bros., tubing and boiler works, at Waterbury, Conn., are putting in a 100-horse-power Harris-Corlies engine and three 80-horse-power Bigelow boilers. They have added one story to a portion of their works, 96 x 40, for their house boiler factory, and when all the changes are effected their facilities will be about doubled.

The Duerber Watch Case Company, of Newport, Ky., are to remove their establishment to Canton, Ohio, in connection with the Hampden Watch Works Company, of Springfield, Ill. (which concern Mr. Duerber recently purchased), in consideration of \$100,000, 20 acres of land and exemption from taxation for 10 years. The Duerber & Hampden Companies collectively employ about 1100 men.

The Brown & Van Arsdale Mfg. Company have sold to the Chicago and Evanston Railroad eight acres of ground at Grand Crossing, Ill., upon which they will at once erect their new works for the manufacture of seamless thimble skeins, silver polished

sad-irons, tinmiths' tools, hub-reaming machines and general machine work. The following are the dimensions of the ground plans for the new works: Blacksmith-shop, 60 x 125 feet; machine-shop, 75 x 100; both two stories high; warehouse, 77½ x 125; foundry 100 x 180; and boiler and engine room, 64 x 40 feet. There will be two boilers 60 and 25 horse-power each, and two engines of 80 horse-power. There will be an additional boiler for use in case of accident to the engines. Two cupolas having a capacity of 50 tons per day will be placed in the foundry, and there will be track communications with the Illinois Central Railroad to facilitate shipping contracts with the Lake Shore and Pittsburgh & Ft. Wayne roads. The company expect to have their new plant ready for occupancy by October 1, and will employ 300 men. The cost will be \$50,000.—*Industrial World*.

The Kingsland & Ferguson Mfg. Company, of St. Louis, Mo., have averaged a shipment of agricultural machinery to Mexico almost every week this season, and have several orders from that country in work at the present time. Included in the foreign shipments they will shortly make will be a considerable quantity of machinery for Brazilian account.

The Diamond Emery Wheel and Machine Company, of Providence, R. I., are busier than for years.

The Smith, Beggs & Rankin Machine Company, of St. Louis, Mo., note an improvement in orders, and are especially pleased with the promising state of the mining machinery trade.

The Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Company, of Providence, R. I., are now running a few more men than ever before in their experience.

The Gardner Governor Works, at Quincy, Ill., report having had an unprecedented rush for large-size governors and angle valves, the following being a few of a large number shipped during the months of June and July: St. Louis Iron and Machine Works, St. Louis, Mo., one 9 inch governor and angle-valve; Hartman Steel Company, Beaver Falls, Pa., one 9-inch governor; Watertown Steam Engine Company, Watertown, N. Y., one 9-inch governor and angle-valve; Jos. Blettnet & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, two 8-inch governors; Smith, Beggs & Rankin Machine Company, St. Louis, Mo., 8, 7 and 5 inch governors; two 10 inch angle-valves to Davies & Blacker & Co., Manistee, Mich.; and 40 3½-inch governors to J. B. Ford & Co.'s Plate Glass Works, Tarentum, Pa.; the latter is probably the largest order ever placed in this country for governors for the sole use of one concern. They report their gross trade for the first six months of 1886 as 50 per cent. greater than for the corresponding period last year, and the prospect good for fall trade.—*Industrial World*.

The plant of the Gillespie Tool Company, on Twenty-first and Railroad streets, Pittsburgh, has been sold to Lewis N. Ireland and Jas. E. Hughes, of Petrolia, Pa., for the sum of \$30,000.

The Fisher Foundry and Machine Company, Pittsburgh, have just completed two hydraulic presses, one of 65 tons and the other of 125 tons capacity, to be used by the National Tube Works for straightening pipe up to 24 inches in diameter. Also one hydraulic testing machine of 60 tons inside capacity for the same company.

The Union Switch and Signal Company, of Pittsburgh, have received an order for furnishing the yards at Holmesburg, N. J., on the United Railroads of New Jersey with its interlocking apparatus.

The Lawrence Machine Shop, of Lawrence, Mass., have just received the following very flattering testimonial from James B. Francis, agent of the locks and canals on the Merrimac River, at Lowell. "Lowell, Mass., July 8, 1886: Lawrence Machine Shop, Lawrence, Mass.—The three centrifugal pumps, class 'B,' 6, 5 and 4 inches respectively, with fittings, which you furnished the Union Water Power Company last season, for the repairs of their upper dam, at the outlet of Lake Mooseluckmaguntic, Oxford County, Me., were used throughout the work, and proved to be satisfactory in every respect, and their performance came fully up to your representations."

The Weatherford Castor Oil Company, Weatherford, Tex., recently organized, have purchased the machinery for the mill and commenced work on a stone building 54 x 107 feet.

The M. C. Bullock Mfg. Company, Chicago, Ill., report recent shipments as follows: One Little Champion diamond drill, with complete outfit, to the City of Mexico; one Climax diamond drill, with complete outfit for underground prospecting, to the Lake Superior Iron Company, Ishpeming, Mich.; one straight-line engine to Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., of Chicago; one Little Champion diamond drill, with outfit, to the Hudson River Ore and Iron Company, Burden, N. Y.; one special No. 6 Lane's patent portable hoist for a silver mine in South America.

The Hoppes Mfg. Company, John J. Hoppes, president and manager, recently organized at Springfield, Ohio, are building new works and putting in machinery to manufacture the Hoppes feed-water heater and lime extractor.

The Eddy Valve Company, Waterford, N. Y., report trade fair. They are employing from 70 to 80 men.

Meech & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, have just shipped a complete plant of mining machinery to the Tintic District, Utah.

The Sullivan Machine Company, Claremont, N. H., are making some 10 different sizes of their new heading drill, or Underground Prospecting Drill. The demand for these heading drills from mining localities has given quite an impetus to the business of the Sullivan Company, in addition to the regular manufacture of their diamond drill quarrying machines.

The Babcock & Wilcox Company have lately placed boilers as follows: Brooklyn Bridge, second order, 203 horse-power; Westerly, R. I., Water Works, 90 horse-power; Lehigh Coal and Navigation Com-

pany, Pennsylvania, 208 horse-power; Edison Lamp Company, Newark, N. J., second order, 104 horse-power; Excelsior Needle Company, Torrington, Conn., 61 horse-power; Huguenot Mills, Greenville, S. C., second order, 50 horse-power; Welham Plantation, Louisiana, 240 horse-power; Marks Bros., Philadelphia, second order, 45 horse-power; Bird Coleman Furnaces, Cornwall, Pa., second order, 950 horse-power; Columbus Steel Company, Columbus, Ohio, 480 horse-power; Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Company, Waterbury, Conn., second order, 156 horse-power; Cardenas Refinery, Cardenas, Cuba, third order, 208 horse-power; Mt. Housatonic Plantation, Louisiana, 240 horse-power; Southwood Plantation, Louisiana, 272 horse-power; Dakota Apartment House, New York City, third order, 240 horse-power; Edison Lamp Company, Newark, N. J., third order, 104 horse-power.

The Star Machine Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., report being full of orders at the present time for their new portable forge and blacksmiths' hand-blower.

Miscellaneous.

George Westinghouse, Jr., president of the Philadelphia Natural Gas Company, of Pittsburgh, will within a few days exhibit in the United States Court a bill against a number of the natural gas companies of Pittsburgh, and ask that they be restrained from using his patents for the safe transportation of gas, for providing for the escape of surplus gas, patent joints and other appliances for the safe handling of the fluid.

The glass factory of Hogan, Evans & Co., of Pittsburgh, after an idleness of some weeks, will resume operations on the 1st of August.

The Westinghouse Electric Company, of Pittsburgh, have received an order for a 2000-light electric plant for a western city. The plant will include everything in the way of boilers, engines, dynamos, wires, &c., and the Stanley pattern of incandescent lights. The same company recently received an order for a 2000-light plant for Schenectady, N. Y., where the Stanley incandescent lights will replace gas in the street lamps. This order has greater significance from the fact that Edison, the great manufacturer of electrical appliances and inventor of an incandescent light, will shortly remove his large works from New York City to Schenectady. The Westinghouse Company are now bidding on plants for electric lights for about 10 cities of different sizes in both the East and West. These range from 2000 to 10,000 lamps in each town, and the company will, in case they get the contracts, furnish everything necessary for successful operation.

Messrs. L. Halsey Williams, T. M. Guffey and other gentlemen, of Pittsburgh, are about to engage in the development of some natural-gas lands in Kentucky. The tract lies northeast of Louisville about 25 miles, and consists of over 30,000 acres. Superficial examinations have shown the most unmistakable signs of gas.

A. W. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, has secured 27 tracts of valuable coal lands in Mount Pleasant township, in the Connellsville coke region. The consideration was \$116,000. It is reported that Mr. Mellon intends to erect some extensive coke works, but that gentleman denies the rumor.

The Duggan-Parker Hardware Mfg. Company, of St. Louis, resumed operations on the 15th inst. after a shut down lasting six weeks.

Americans are high in favor at the Korean capital, as appears from a letter dated at Seoul May 14. Lieutenant Wilmer, U. S. N., has been selected to at-



Fig. 1.—New Diamond Tooth.

tend to naval affairs, and United States officers are expected to instruct the army. Foreign intercourse is facilitated by three lines of steamers, two of them sustained by Japanese capital, while a third is in the joint management of Germans and Chinese. Seoul is connected by telegraph with the rest of the world through Peking. A French treaty will be welcomed, in addition to those with other powers, as a sort of barrier to Chinese encroachments, as that power claims to exercise sovereignty to an extent which creates much annoyance. Judge Denny, former United States consul at Shanghai, is now the adviser of the Government, but finds himself embarrassed by the errors of those who have preceded him, arising from extravagant expenditure. It was a German recently dismissed who induced American merchants to send the San Pablo to Korea, with her cargo of machinery and implements, to be used as a sort of museum and bait for Korean trade. The cargo was landed at Shanghai, consigned to his agents, and no more has been heard of it in Seoul. It would please Koreans to see their trade in the hands of Americans.

The Naval Committee of the House have agreed to reduce the aggregate appropriation from \$6,400,000 to \$3,500,000. The bill as amended provides for the completion of the unfinished monitors, the construction of armored vessels, one cruiser and two first-class torpedo-boats, appropriates \$75,000 for experiments with and manufacture of torpedoes, and \$150,000 for the equipment of navy yards for construction work.

As an experiment a piece of iron was recently rolled in the new Falcon mills at Niles, Mich., to ascertain the extreme thinness it was possible to obtain. The result was a sheet about the substance of writing paper—in fact, 150 sheets would be required to constitute 1 inch of substance.

Hardware Novelties.

The Acme Gate Roller.

Huntington Beard, Fayetteville, N. Y., is offering to the trade the Acme Gate Roller which he manufactures. On small gates, 13 feet and under, the No. 1 roller, shown in Fig. 1, is used, together with two iron catches to hold the gate in place; 16 feet or double gates require both rollers, No. 1 and No. 2, the latter being placed on a post at one side of the gateway, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The axle of the No. 1

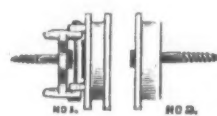


Fig. 1.—General View of Rollers.

roller is hinged to a lug which in turn is fastened to the inner post with a coach screw. In the smaller farm gates where only this one roller is necessary the gate is held in place and kept from being pushed out by means of two catches or slides of cast iron, which hold bars above and below the roller. To open the gate it is simply necessary to slide it back so that it clears the outer post and then push it open in the ordinary manner, the catches turning with

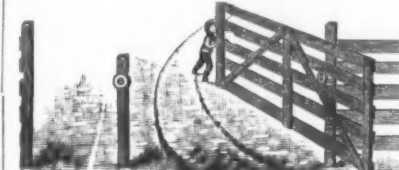


Fig. 2.—Shows Gate Open.

the gate as they are hinged in the same general way as the roller. For the larger gates there is a post sunk at one side of the gateway, as shown in the cuts, and to which is fastened the stationary roller, No. 2. On this second post there are two iron catches, also stationary, which hold the gate and prevent it from being accidentally pushed out of place. Where it is only necessary for foot passengers or cattle to pass the gate is pushed one side as far as the post in the manner indicated in Fig. 3. To open the

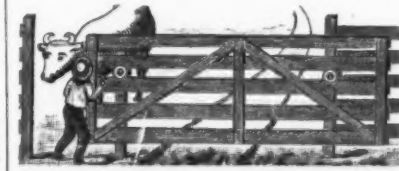


Fig. 3.—Shows Gate Partly Open.

gate wider it is raised off the stationary roller and pushed back to the post, finally being swung around in the usual way, as shown in Fig. 2. The rollers are made of cast iron, and have chilled bearings, which gives a smooth surface and prevents rapid wear. The device appears to be simple in construction and easy of application to a gate made of proper size and with the bars spaced the right distances. The No. 1 rollers are made in two sizes, 6 and 9 inches, and the No. 2 in one size, 6 inches.

New Pattern Crosscut Saws.

The accompanying illustrations, Figs. 1, 2 and 3, represent the new pattern Diamond, Electric and Champion Tooth Saws, which



Fig. 2.—New Electric Tooth.

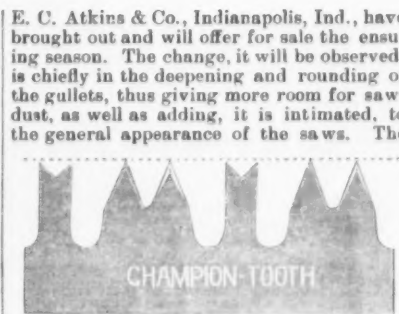


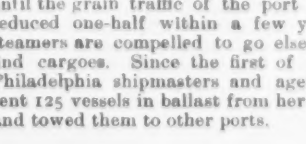
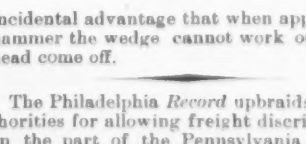
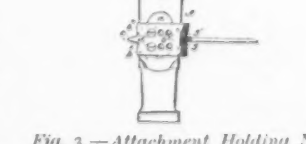
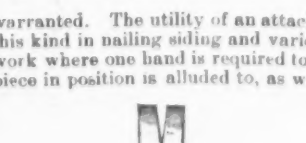
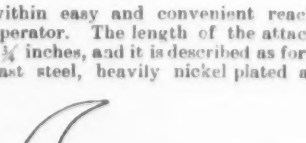
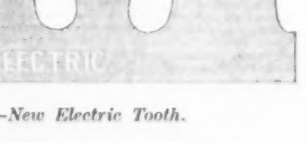
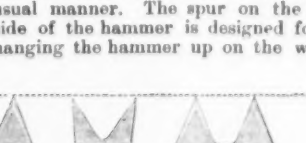
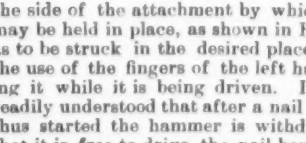
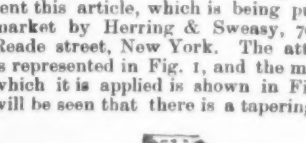
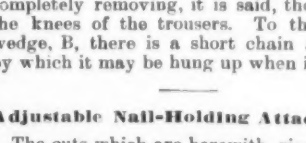
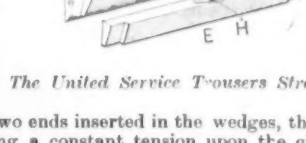
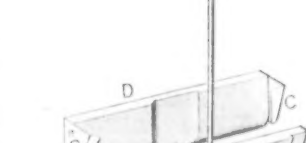
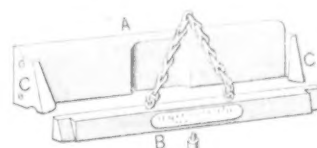
Fig. 3.—New Champion Tooth.

old style Champion and Diamond tooth will still be manufactured, but orders will be filled with the new style unless otherwise specified.

The United Service Trousers Stretcher.

J. C. McCarty & Co., 97 Chambers street, New York, as sole agents for this country, are placing on the market the United Service Trousers Stretcher, the construction of which is shown in the illustration. The device, which is an English invention, but patented both here and abroad, may be briefly described as consisting of a pair of clamps for holding the trousers, the clamps being constantly pushed apart by a spring, thus stretching the trousers and removing the baggy appearance at the knees. The clamps are of wood, the pieces A and D having brass guides, C, at each end. The trousers are laid flat on A and D, which are removed the proper distance apart, after which the wedges B and E are inserted above the cloth and pushed down into the inclined guides C, thus holding the cloth firmly in position. The compound rod which hold the clamps

apart consists of a tube, F, inside of which is a spiral spring. The other part, G, is simply a rod which fits inside of F and bears upon the spring. The wedge pieces E and B have in the middle of each a hole, as shown at H. After placing the trousers in the clamps the spring-bar is compressed and its



The Philadelphia Record upbraids the authorities for allowing freight discrimination on the part of the Pennsylvania Railroad until the grain traffic of the port has been reduced one-half within a few years and steamers are compelled to go elsewhere to find cargoes. Since the first of the year Philadelphia shipmasters and agents have sent 125 vessels in ballast from her wharves and towed them to other ports.

21, 1886.

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| dls 20 @ | 35 |

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Polishing Rouges,
Pol'ng Compositions,
Walrus Leather,
Wood Emery Wheels,
Platers' Brushes,
&c., &c., &c.

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WHOLESALE METAL PRICES, July 21, 1886.

METALS.

IRON.—Duty: Bars, 8-10¢ to 11-10¢ per lb.; provided that no bar shall pay a less rate of duty than 35¢. Sheet, 11-00¢ to 10-10¢ per lb. Band, Hoop and Scoll, 10 to 14-10¢ per lb. Railroad Bars weighing more than 25 lb per yard, 7-10¢ of 1¢ per lb.

Standard American Pig Iron

Foundry No. 1 X..... per ton \$18.00 @ 18.50
Foundry No. 2 X..... per ton 17.00 @ 17.50
Gray Foundry..... per ton 15.75 @ 16.25

No. 1 Scotch Pig Iron

Carnegie..... per ton \$18.50 @ 19.00
Coltress..... per ton 19.75 @ 20.00
Shotts..... per ton 19.75 @ 20.00
Glenbrook..... per ton 18.50 @ 19.00
Gartshore..... per ton 19.00 @ 19.50
Lamington..... per ton 19.50 @ 20.00
Summerlee..... per ton 19.50 @ 20.00
Dalzell..... per ton 18.50 @ 19.00
Glenkiln..... per ton 17.50 @ 18.00
Clyde..... per ton 15.00 @ 15.50

Steel, at Eastern mills

Old Rails, 15..... per ton \$24.50 @ 25.00
Wrought, 15 ton, from yard..... \$18.25 @ 18.50

Bar Iron from Store

Common Iron:
3/4 to 1 in. round and square..... \$1.75 @ 1.80
1 to 6 in. x 3/4 to 1 in. square..... \$1.75 @ 1.80

Refined Iron:
3/4 to 1 in. round and square..... \$1.90 @ 2.00
1 to 6 in. x 3/4 to 1 in. square..... \$1.90 @ 2.00

Rods—3/4 and 1-1/2 round and square..... \$2.10 @ 2.20
Rods—1 to 6 in. x 3/4 to 1 in. square..... \$2.10 @ 2.20

Burden's Best Iron, bar price..... \$2.20 @ 2.30
Burden's "H. B." Iron, bar price..... \$2.20 @ 2.30
Norway Nail Rods..... \$2.50 @ 2.60

Sheet Iron from Store

Common..... \$3.00 @ 3.10
American..... \$3.10 @ 3.20
Cleaned..... \$3.20 @ 3.30

Nos. 10 to 16..... \$3.30 @ 3.40
17 to 20..... \$3.40 @ 3.50
21 to 24..... \$3.50 @ 3.60
25 and 28..... \$3.60 @ 3.70
29..... \$3.70 @ 3.80
30..... \$3.80 @ 3.90

Galvanized 10 to 20..... \$3.90 @ 4.00
Galvanized 21 to 24..... \$4.00 @ 4.10
Galvanized 25 to 28..... \$4.10 @ 4.20
Galvanized 29..... \$4.20 @ 4.30
American Russia..... \$4.30 @ 4.40
Russia..... \$4.40 @ 4.50
American Cold Rolled B. B...... \$4.50 @ 4.60

Iron Wire.—(See Wire.)

STEEL.—Duty: Ingots, Bars, Sheets, &c., valued at 4¢ per lb. or less, 45¢ ad. val.; valued above 4¢ and not above 7¢ per lb., 25¢ ad. val.; valued above 7¢ and not above 10¢ per lb., 35¢ ad. val.; valued above 10¢ per lb., 55¢ ad. val. Extra—Steel Bars, Rods, &c., cold hammered or polished, in any way in addition to ordinary hot rolling, 15¢ per lb. in addition to above; Steel Circular Saw Plates, 1¢ per lb. in addition to the above.

American Cast Steel

For American Steel, see Pittsburgh quotations.

Chrome Steel

For Steel, ordinary sizes, 3/4 to 3 inches, net..... 10 @ 14¢
Adamantine Shoes and Dies..... 8 @ 9¢
Magnet Steel..... 14 @ 15¢

English Steel

Best Cast..... \$15 @ 16¢
Extra Cast..... \$16 @ 17¢
Circular Saw Plates..... \$14 @ 15¢
Round Machinery Cast..... \$10 @ 11¢
Swaged Cast..... \$16 @ 17¢
Best Double Shear..... \$15 @ 16¢
Hilster, 1st quality..... \$14 @ 15¢
German Steel, Best..... \$10 @ 11¢
3d quality..... \$8 @ 9¢
3d quality..... \$8 @ 9¢
Sheet Cast Steel, 1st quality..... \$15 @ 16¢
3d quality..... \$14 @ 15¢
3d quality..... \$14 @ 15¢

TIN.—Duty: Plates, Sheets, Tagger and Terno, 1¢ per lb.; Bars Block and Piles free.

Best..... \$23 @ 24¢
Strait..... \$22 @ 23¢
English..... \$23 @ 24¢
Bar..... \$24 @ 25¢

Charcoal Tin Plates

1 C 10x14 225 sheets..... \$5.00 @ 5.50
1 C 12x12 225 sheets..... 5.25 @ 5.75
1 C 10x20 112..... 10.25 @ 11.25
1 X 10x14 225 sheets..... 6.25 @ 6.75
1 X 12x12 225 sheets..... 6.25 @ 6.75
1 X 14x20 112..... 6.25 @ 6.75
D C 10x14 225 sheets..... 5.00 @ 5.50
D A 10x14 225 sheets..... 5.00 @ 5.50
For each additional X add..... 1.25 @ 2.00

Coke Tin Plates

Best..... \$4.75 @ 4.85
Ordinary..... \$4.50 @ 4.60
1 C 10x14 225 sheets..... 4.875 @ 4.95
1 C 12x12 225 sheets..... 5.00 @ 5.10
1 C 10x20 112 sheets..... 9.80 @ 10.00

Terne Plates

Prime Char. 3d quality..... \$6.75 @ 7.00
1 C 14x20 Old Process..... \$6.75 @ 7.00
1 C 20x20..... 15.75 @ 16.00
1 C 14x20..... \$4.50 @ 4.75
1 X 14x20..... 6.00 @ 6.50
1 C 30x20..... 9.00 @ 9.75
1 X 20x20..... 11.00 @ 11.50
1 C 30x30..... 13.50 @ 14.00

Tin Boiler Plates

1XX 14x20, 2 sheets for No. 7, 112 ad. val. @ \$12.00
1XX 14x20, 2 " " No. 8..... @ 13.00
1XX 14x20, 2 " " No. 9..... @ 15.00

COPPER.—Duty: Pig, Bar and Ingot, 4¢: Old Copper, 3¢: B. Manufactured (including all articles of which Copper is a component of chief value), 35¢ ad. valorem.

Ingot, Lake..... \$10 @ 10¢
Ingot, Baltimore..... 10 @ 10¢
Ingot Anchor..... 30 @ 30¢

Cold Rolled Sheet, All Sizes

16 oz. per square foot, and heavier..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
14 and 15 oz. per square foot..... \$1.16 @ 1.17
12 and 13 oz. per square foot..... \$1.14 @ 1.15
10 and 11 oz. per square foot..... \$1.12 @ 1.13

TINNING

Sheets, one side, 10, 12 and 14 x 48..... each, 6¢
Sheets, one side, other sizes..... per square foot 2 1/2¢
For tinning both sides, double the above prices.
For tinning boiler sizes, 8 in., 14 x 36..... each, 15¢
For tinning boiler sizes, 7 in., 14 x 36..... each, 12¢
For tinning boiler sizes, 7 in., 14 x 36..... each, 12¢

Cold Rolled Sheathing (14 x 48)

16 oz. to square foot, and heavier..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
14 oz. and up to 16 oz..... \$1.16 @ 1.17
12 oz. and up to 14 oz..... \$1.14 @ 1.15
Tinning, 6¢ each.

Copper Bottoms

Pits and Flats, 11 oz..... \$1.20 @ 1.21
Pits and Flats, 12 oz..... \$1.21 @ 1.22

O'Neill's Patent Platinized Copper—Net

14 and 16 oz. and heavier..... \$1.20 @ 1.21
12 oz. and lighter..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Boiler Sizes

7 in., 14x20, 2 sheets for No. 7, 112 ad. val. @ \$12.00
14 and 16 oz. and heavier..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
12 and 13 oz. and up to 16 oz..... \$1.16 @ 1.17
10 and 11 oz. and up to 14 oz..... \$1.14 @ 1.15
Tinning, 6¢ each.

Copper Wire.—(See Wire.)

Yellow Sheathing Metal, 15..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

BRASS AND GERMAN SILVER

Brass of Sharpe's Gauge the Standard for Metal;
Old English Gauge the Standard for Wire.
Brass Manufacturers' Price List, January 17, 1884..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

LEAD.—Duty: Pig, 5¢ per 100 lb.; Old Lead, 3¢ per 100 lb.; Pipe and Sheet, 3¢ per lb.

Pig..... 4.95 @ 5.25¢
Bar..... 5.45 @ 5.75¢
Pipe..... 4.95 @ 5.25¢
Block Tin Pipe..... 1.5¢ @ 1.6¢
Tin Lined Pipe..... 1.5¢ @ 1.6¢
Sheet..... 7.5¢ @ 8.0¢
Shot, 1/2 bag, 25 lb..... Drop, \$1.60; Buck, \$1.80
Chilled Shot, 1/2 bag, 25 lb..... \$1.85

ANTHONY

Hallett's..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Cookson..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
SPALTER.—Duty: Pipes, Bars and Plates, \$1.50 per 100 lb.

American cash..... 4.5¢ @ 4.6¢
Bergensport..... 4.5¢ @ 4.6¢
ZINC.—Duty: Pig or Block, \$1.50 per 100 lb.

Sheet, 24¢ per lb.
60 lb cases..... 5.70 @ 5.95¢
Zinc—Open..... 6.5¢ @ 6.75¢
Zinc Tubing..... 10 @ 20¢

Zinc Tubing—Dis. 25¢

Plain..... 27¢
Fancy..... 30¢
Scotch and Extra Patterns..... 30¢

RABBIT METAL

N. P. U..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
X..... 1.5¢
J. B..... 30¢

WIRE

Market Wire.—Put up in 63 lb bundles.
Nos. 6 to 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.

10 11 11 1/2 12 1/2 13 1/2 14 1/2 15 1/2 16 1/2 17 1/2 18 1/2

Bright Market Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Charcoal..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Bale Wire, Nos. 10 to 12..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Annealed Market Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Fence Wire, Nos. 8 and 9..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Grape Wire, Nos. 10 to 14..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Coppered Market Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Bale Wire, Nos. 10 to 12..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Galvanized Market Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Fence Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Stone or Weaving Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Nos. 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Cents..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Nos. 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Nos. 16 to 18..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
19 to 26..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
27 to 36..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Galvanized Stone Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Steel Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Cast Steel, Steel Wire list..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Brass and Copper Wire..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Old English Gauge the Standard—Dis 20 @ 25, Olding Bronze and Copper.

Common High Low and
Brass Brass Copper.

All Nos. to No. 16..... \$0.22 @ 0.30
No. 17 and 18..... \$0.22 @ 0.30
19 and 20..... \$0.22 @ 0.30
21..... \$0.22 @ 0.30
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50..... \$0.22 @ 0.30

Spring Wire, 2 cents per pound advance. Whitened Wire, 8 cents per pound advance. Flat, Square and Half-Rounds Wire, 4 cents advance on Round Wire. Fancy Wire, not less than 10 cents advance on Round Wire. Spooling on one-pound Spools, 12 cents per pound extra. Spooling on ten-pound Spools or more, 2 cents per pound extra.

MISCELLANEOUS TINNERS' STOCK

1/4 & 1/2 Warranted..... \$15 @ 15¢
Extra..... \$15 @ 15¢
No. 1 Refined..... \$15 @ 15¢
No. 2 Refined..... \$15 @ 15¢
Extra wiping..... \$15 @ 15¢

Iron and Tinned, new list, Dec. 10, 1881..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
In bulk, new list, Dec. 10, 1881..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Copper Rivets and Butts..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Nos. 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

Store Bolts..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
American Screw Co.'s..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
R. H. & W..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
R. & E. Mfg. Co..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

FRENCH GLASS

August 20, 1885. Per Box, 50 feet.

Single Thick..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Suns..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

25 x 8 to 10 x 15..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
40 x 11 to 14 to 16 x 34..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
50 x 18 to 22 to 30 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
54 x 15 to 36 to 34 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
60 x 20 to 28 to 36 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
70 x 25 to 36 to 34 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
80 x 30 to 46 to 30 x 34..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
84 x 30 to 52 to 30 x 34..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
90 x 30 to 56 to 34 x 36..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
94 x 34 to 58 to 34 x 36..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
100 x 36 to 60 to 40 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Double Thick..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Suns..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

25 x 8 to 10 x 15..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
40 x 11 to 14 to 16 x 34..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
50 x 18 to 22 to 30 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
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90 x 30 to 56 to 34 x 36..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
94 x 34 to 58 to 34 x 36..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
100 x 36 to 60 to 40 x 30..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Sizes above—\$15 per box extra for every 5 inches. Discount 80¢.

PAPER STOCK, &c.

(Dealers' Selling Prices.)

White Shit Cuttings, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Unbleached Muslin, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
City Whites, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
New Canton Flannels..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
New Seams, light..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Cotton Canvas..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Linen Canvas No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Seconds, City No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Colors, &c..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Manila Rope..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Gunny Bagging, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Kentucky Bagging, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Burlap Bagging, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Hemp Twine, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Hard White Shavings, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Soft White Shavings, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Mixed Shavings, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Ledges and Writings..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Solid Stock..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Book Stock, No. 1..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Pure Manila..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Sugarcane and Hardware..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Commons, 100 lb..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Binders' Board Cuttings..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Straw Board Cuttings..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

PAINTS, OILS, &c.

Black Lamp—Coach Painters..... \$1.18 @ 1.19
Black Ivory Drop, Fair..... \$1.18 @ 1.19

Black Paint, in oil..... kegs, 8¢; assorted cans, 11¢

Blue, Prussian, fair to best..... 40 @ 50¢
Chinese dry..... 40 @ 50¢
Ultramarine..... 18 @ 30¢
Brown, Spanish..... 14 @ 15¢
Van Dyke..... 10 @ 12¢
Driers, Patent American..... 10 @ 12¢
Green Chrome..... 10 @ 12¢
Paris..... 10 @ 12¢
Iron Paint, Bright Red..... 10 @ 12¢
Purple..... 10 @ 12¢
Ground in oil, Bright Red..... 10 @ 12¢
Brown..... 10 @ 12¢
Purple..... 10 @ 12¢

Litharge..... 10 @ 12¢
Mineral Paints..... 10 @ 12¢
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MECHANICAL.

An Elastic Coupling.

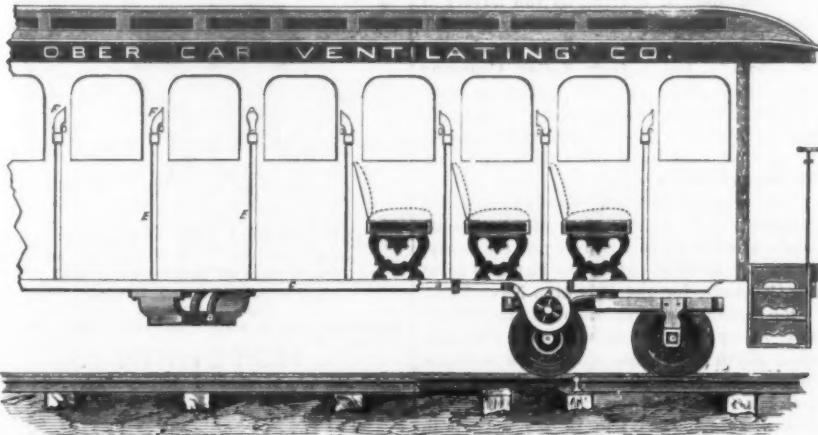
One of the foreign papers recently described a system of shaft coupling intended more particularly for driving dynamos direct from the crank-shafts of engines, and which was claimed to admit of the two shafts not being exactly in the same line, and also not to transmit the longitudinal vibrations of one to the other, thus insuring smoothness of action. The coupling, as described, consists of two flat disks or face-plates, one keyed on each shaft and facing the other, and each carrying a number of pins or driving-dogs placed in circles concentric with the shaft. The number of dogs on each plate is the same, but on one plate (the driving one) they are at a greater distance from the center than on the other. If a closed band or link of any sort is placed over each corresponding pair of dogs on the two face-plates it is evident that the driving plate will take the other round with it, even if the center lines of the shafts do not exactly coincide. By using india-rubber rings for these bands the coupling becomes elastic, and any increase or decrease of resistance will not immediately be transferred to the driving-shaft and reduce or increase its

to a Corliss valve gear, but this point is below the one of maximum economy. This point of equal efficiency is nearer the point of maximum economy in the locomotive than in the best stationary engines. That is, if some one did succeed in putting a Corliss gear or its equivalent on a locomotive, the point where the economy of the locomotive and the Corliss valve gear would be the same would be nearer the maximum economy than in the stationary engine. This is partially owing to the design of the locomotive boiler, causing excessively wet steam, which is wire-drawn into dryer steam in passing through the valve governed by a common link motion.

The Ober Car Ventilator.

To those interested in car ventilation the annexed engravings relating to a device for this purpose, recently brought out in New York, will be found to present several points of novelty and merit.

The apparatus is known as the Ober car ventilator, and, as shown in Fig. 1, requires very little explanation. The cut represents a skeleton car, showing the different pipes and connections in working order. Air is taken in under the car by means of two fans, A, placed side by side on the same shaft and driven by friction connection with the car axle. From these fans



The Ober Car Ventilator, Made by the Ober Car Ventilating Company, New York.—
Fig. 1.—Diagram Showing Fans and Connections

speed, but will first act on the elastic bands, extending them or allowing them to contract, and vice versa, so that all such changes are greatly softened in their effects on the driving or driven shaft. To facilitate the play of the bands the dogs are provided with loose gun-metal bushes, round which the bands pass. Each shaft is also free to move endways in its bearings without transferring its motion to the other.

The coupling is advantageously used for driving dynamos direct, as, in addition to the advantages enumerated above, it permits the electrical insulation of the dynamo; for instance, in the electric lighting of vessels, where the return lead is suppressed and replaced by the hull. Every engineer knows the difficulty of keeping four shaft bearings in exactly the same center line, which is avoided by this coupling. By varying the number of dogs and india-rubber rings and the diameters of the face-plates the coupling can be adapted for any power. The system of coupling two shafts by connecting two cranks on their ends by a short link embracing the crank pins has been frequently used in ships' engines for coupling the paddle-wheel shafts, and Mr. Raffart's coupling is, except as far as the use of elastic bands is concerned, simply a multiplication of such crank pins, possessing, however, the advantage of being perfectly balanced, and therefore adapted for high speeds. It may also be considered a safe coupling, as the breakage of one or two of the rubber rings, it is thought, will not endanger the working of the rest, and new rings can be put on conveniently. A drawback appears to be that when the speed of the engine is reduced the dynamo or other shaft may possibly overrun it to such an extent that the position of the bands is reversed and the engine dragged by the second shaft, and that when stopped in this position the elasticity of the bands may turn the second shaft in the reverse direction. This may cause inconveniences. The coupling, we understand, has been used for driving dynamos.

Most Economical Cut-off in Locomotives.

Mr. David L. Barnes, of the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, writing to the *National Locomotive and Car Builder* concerning the most economical point of cut-off in locomotives, says:

The conclusion was not reached directly from experiments made for that purpose, but from a miscellaneous lot of data which I have been gathering for a long time. When I began to look upon this most vital point in the economy of the locomotive I found an almost perfect void of reliable information. During the last three years I have collected much that bears directly upon the subject, and they almost universally point to the great loss of early cut-offs, and to the laws of the loss due to cylinder condensation. Several extensive experiments made for the purpose of determining the loss due to early cut-offs at different speeds, &c., show the maximum economy of a stationary engine of the same size as the ordinary locomotive to be realized at about 33 per cent. cut-off; and, although the higher steam pressure and greater piston speed of a locomotive conduce to greater economy, the presence of the large quantities of water in the steam due to priming and the exposed condition of the cylinders and piston-rod, inferior lagging and a few other considerations overbalance these and raise the point of maximum economy in the average locomotive cylinder to about 35 per cent. of stroke, while the smaller and slower moving pistons are raised undoubtedly more than this—in some extreme cases, without doubt, to 60 per cent. I have recently found from experiments that I had long since concluded that there was a point of cut-off where the common link motion was equal in economy

the air passes through two pipes, B, running along the bottom of the car, and is delivered into the tank D, containing water, and ice, if required, and capable of holding about 100 gallons. Here the dust held in suspension by the air is deposited, and the latter as it enters the car is fresh and clean. The two air-pipes C running along the sides of the car are in direct communication with the tank D, and from them issue the vertical ventilating-pipes E E, placed as shown at each side of the car and furnished with suitable outlets, F F. These can be turned in any direction at the will of the passengers, and the supply of air may be cut off or regulated by the damper, as desired. The pipes B, it should be added, are attached to the discharge-pipes of the fans by flexible connections G,



Fig. 2.—Ventilator Outlet.

so as to permit of motion of the car truck without injury to the ventilating system. The pipes E are 2 inches in diameter, while the square section ducts C measure 5 x 7 inches. As it is possible that on roads where very much dust is encountered excessive accumulations in the tank D with consequent trouble might result with the arrangement shown in the cut, where the air supply is taken in under the car, the builders propose to close the sides of the fans and to lead the suction-pipe to the back of the car and to a short distance above the level of the platform. When the train is running at an average rate of speed the ventilator, it is claimed, will furnish a fresh supply of air throughout the car every 20 seconds, insuring perfect, continuous ventilation. It will, of course, be understood that the use of the device entirely obviates all need of opening car windows, winter or summer, for purposes of ventilation, thus avoiding the dust, cinders and smoke so offensive and often dangerous. A number of well-known railroad men have thoroughly inspected this ventilator, and, we understand, think very favorably of it. The management of the Boston and Lowell Railroad have equipped all of the cars of their White Mountain train with the ventilator, thus giving the public an opportunity to thoroughly test its merits. The device is being put on the market by the Ober Car Ventilating Company, represented by Mr. John Q. Maynard, of 12 Cortlandt street, New York.

Rymers.

In modern machine making, says the *Mechanical World*, rymers are used exclusively for turning holes, bringing them up to their exact size, and making them perfectly straight and circular. Their use for merely enlarging a hole drilled too small, which formerly was one of the main objects for ryming, is now confined to jerry shops. Ordinarily a hole is drilled large enough where no tight fit and perfect accuracy is required, and is drilled very slightly under size only in those cases where ryming out is intended, and the rymer has only to remove a minute quantity of metal, which it

ought to do by scraping or cutting away very fine shavings. Many rymers, however, in consequence of their faulty form, act more by compressing and grinding, especially in brittle metal. The manner in which they act, whether by scraping, cutting or compressing, depends on the shape of the edges of what we call the teeth, and the accuracy of the holes on these and the general shape and number of the teeth. A tooth will cut when the front side is radial or forms an acute angle with the circumference; its action will be scraping when the angle is more obtuse, but when the latter exceeds a certain limit or the edge becomes blunted by wear the action becomes simply a squeezing and grinding one. The scraping rymers are usually made as squares or pentagons, a larger number of flat sides making the angle too blunt, but these rapidly become converted into the squeezing sort. Although this squeezing may result in a smooth and true hole, it takes a great amount of power, as every one who has worked with such rymers has experienced, and leads to a rapid wear of the rymers. A better form of the scraping rymers is made by fluting it with large triangular grooves, so that similar edges are formed as on a square rymers, but in a greater number. Generally, however, cutting rymers may be considered preferable for getting through the work, though they have to be used carefully, as they easily cut in too deep and stick fast. The number of cutting edges ought always to be uneven, as in that case in the untrue hole the rymers always bears with three edges, and not with two only, and consequently receives a better guidance. The chief fault of rymers with an even number of teeth, however, is that an unevenness in the hole acting on one edge forces the opposite edge against the metal and causes it to cut where it should not. For this reason also rymers having circular parts on their circumference and cutting teeth only in the remainder must be pronounced bad.

Fluted rymers made with a large number of triangular grooves, with both sides at the same angle to the radius, occupy a middle position between the scraping and cutting tools, and are the best rymers for obtaining accurate work without excessive labor. They can be turned in either direction, and are very well guided. Their only drawback is that the flutes do not give sufficient room for the scrapings, and become filled up where lubricants have to be used. But for cast iron they are decidedly the best. Sometimes they are made with one side radial, in which case, however, the number of teeth has either to be greatly reduced, or else they have to be made very acute, and are difficult to harden to such a temper that the teeth do not break out. For wrought iron the grooved rymers, with three or five grooves, may be considered the best kind. There are two sorts of these at present, the ordinary circular sort and a flat-sided kind. In the former the groove is cut so that the cutting edge is radial, and a portion of the circumference next to the edge is left circular, and should be accurately ground circular, the remainder being backed off towards the following groove. This rymers has ample room for the shavings, and possesses the advantage that it can be sharpened several times, as the circular parts do not suffer much wear, and the rymers keeps up to size for a considerable time. The grinding for resharpening, however, should be done with special tackle, so as to keep the cutting side of the grooves radial and preserve the proper angle; if reground by hand on a grindstone the angle is apt to become more and more obtuse, so that the rymers degenerates into the objectionable squaring kind. Sometimes these rymers are backed off right from the cutting edge. This has the advantage of giving a sharper angle of about 80°, but, of course, such rymers cannot be reground without the diameter becoming reduced. As the cutting angle is also altered in the resharpening, flat-sided grooved rymers have been lately introduced, also specially called ground rymers. These are polygonal in shape, with grooves along the corners of the polygons, the cutting sides of the grooves being radial and the cutting angles 80° or less. Such rymers are sharpened by grinding the outsides, and the cutting angles thus remain the same, but the diameter is altered, and special tackle is required for grinding. We do not think that these possess any special advantage; the preservation of a sharp cutting angle does not appear to us of importance, as the action of a rymers should be more scraping than cutting to produce a smooth, true hole. The only exception to this is in boiler and bridge work, where perfect accuracy of the hole is no object, and a cutting rymers gets more quickly through its work. The grooves, which are mostly made straight, are latterly often made helical or twisted. There is some advantage in this, as the bearing points of the tool on the metal do not fall into a line, but continually change in position, and a truer hole is likely to result. The twist is sometimes—in fact oftener than not—made in the wrong direction. It should not be so that the rymers is screwed into the hole by it, as this causes it to cut into the metal where not required, but in the opposite way, so that the rymers is screwed out, as it were, and only forced in by the pressure laid on it.

Pile Driving.

In an article on pile driving, published in the *Railway Review*, Mr. W. L. Clements remarks:

Some pilework recently driven shows that piles driven with the steam hammer have greater capacity for sustaining loads than those driven with the drop hammer. The Michigan Central Railroad Company had driven some time ago several hundred piles to protect their bridges from ice. Part were driven by a steam hammer and part by a drop hammer. Some are in clusters and others are standing alone. Those withstanding the lift of the ice are invariably the ones driven by the steam hammer. It would appear that the earth is more violently disturbed by the quivering blow of a long drop and heavy hammer, and the frictional resistance of the pile thereby decreased. The steam hammer, on the other hand, gives a short, rapid tapping to the pile and rather

presses it into the ground without intervals of rest, thereby keeping the earth in its natural state. This theory, however, has not been sufficiently substantiated by further experiments, and cannot be stated as a positive fact.

Hanging Shafts.

From an article on shaft hanging in the *Milling Engineer* we extract the following:

In hanging a line of shafting a strong flax line is necessary, or even a fine steel wire. The wire, however, has more sag than the line of linen. Of course this sag must be rectified as the hangers are placed, but its chief office is to get the hangers in line. The leveling is done by means of a straight-edge, a parallel-edged board of white pine, 8 inches or thereabout wide. A spirit level on the upper edge of this board, the lower edge resting in the boxes, determines the level from box to box. The string ought not to be lined along the bottom of the boxes, as is sometimes done, because it is difficult to find by the eye just where the center of the box is, but it should be drawn against, or rather along, the edge of the lower box, where it is milled or planed for the junction with the upper half or cap of the box. In leveling hangers a quantity of shingles is better than any other means for "shimming."

After the shaft is in place, with its load of pulleys, it is well to make a final test of level. The long level that had been used in the empty boxes is impracticable now, and even the ordinary carpenter's spirit level cannot be relied upon, for two reasons—the pulleys may not permit its length to pass between them to rest on the shaft, and because the workman cannot know whether the level is on the very top of the shaft or not. If it rests on the shaft diagonally in the slightest degree it will not register level. To obviate this difficulty it is well to have on hand at all times a rectangular block of cast iron, say 8 or 10 inches long by 2 inches square, planed or milled perfectly true on at least two opposite faces. Then have one of these faces planed to a V-recess—a right-angled gutter from end to end. When this recessed side is placed on any shaft from 1 to 3 or more inches in diameter the block will be in perfect line with the shaft, and a spirit level may be laid on it with assurance that it represents the true level of the shaft.

But there is another method which is handy to test the level of shafts at all times. Make a strongly braced rectangular frame, of planed seasoned scantling, long enough to reach from the shaft overhead to the height of a man's shoulders. The two side pieces of the frame have feet, at right angles, at their upper ends, so that the frame may be hung, by these feet, on the shaft. The side pieces have a cross bar at the bottom and one or more between that and the top, sufficient to give the frame absolute rigidity. The frame may be of a convenient width for handling—3, 4, 5 or 6 feet. Now, if this frame is properly made, a spirit level placed on the lower bar for convenience of sight will show, when the hooked ends rest on the shaft, whether the shaft is level or not, and the width of the frame will allow it to be used without interference by the pulleys.

Belting Power.

The following particulars of the leather belting for driving the machinery in the electric-light department of the Inventions Exhibition, held in England last year, may be of interest, as giving the velocities and powers in a particular case: No. 1 belt, 70 feet in length, 10 inches wide, running at 2585 feet per minute, transmitted 120 indicated horse-power; No. 2 belt, 73 feet in length, 15 inches wide, running at 2585 feet per minute, transmitted 170 indicated horse-power; No. 3 belt, 60 feet in length, 16 inches wide, running at 3270 feet per minute, transmitted 200 indicated horse-power; No. 4 belt, 86 feet in length, 24 inches wide, running at 2585 feet per minute, transmitted 350 indicated horse-power; No. 5 belt, 86 feet in length, 15 inches wide, running at 2585 feet per minute, transmitted 170 indicated horse-power; No. 6 belt, 86 feet in length, 15 inches wide, running at 2585 feet per minute, transmitted 170 indicated horse-power.

Heavy Gun Lathes.

The two large gun lathes at the South Boston Iron Works have beds 90 feet long, built up of three sections of 30 feet each. Each section is an iron casting made at the works, 8 feet wide on top, outside of the ways, which are flat and are 14½ inches wide. The bottom is flat also and is 18 inches wide. The lathe-bed rests upon a stone foundation which is about 15 feet feet deep, and in turn is supported by piling. The lathe-bed is bolted together by 16 cast iron cross-ties. The weight of each lathe is about 150 tons and the swing on each is about 10 feet. The lathes can finish up from a 100-ton down to an 8 inch gun, and are the largest in the country.

The Minnesota Iron Company are employing at the mines 1000 men, and the railroad company have at work in the operation of the road and in its maintenance fully 300 more, to say nothing of the men employed in building the 27 miles of the Iron Range now under construction. The Minnesota Iron Company have just put in operation at the mines a Brush electric-light plant for 30 lights, which will illuminate the pits, ore docks and yards so that night work can be carried on as successfully as day work. They are also putting in an additional compressor plant and a number of power drills, which will be in operation very soon, and have added extensive hoisting machinery. They had shipped from the mines by vessel from Two Harbors up to the night of July 8 88,627 tons, and are shipping now at the rate of 14,000 per week. Up to the present time no vessel has been delayed in loading ore at the docks a moment of time in consequence of the weather. On the first day of July there was loaded on vessels from the company's dock 5664 tons of ore, and on one day the boats Algona and Alta went into Two Harbors at 9 o'clock in the morning and were loaded and steaming down the lake before 8 in the evening of the same day with 2636 tons of ore aboard.

The Speed of British War Ships.

In a recent issue the *Mechanical World* (England) gives some facts and figures bearing on the speeds of British war ships which are of general interest. The advance that has been made since the *Warrior* was built to steam 14.356 knots, remarks the *World*, though considerable, is not astounding in the face of what has been accomplished in Atlantic steamers; still there is room for congratulation, for we now have war ships that can steam 17 knots on trial. In the mercantile marine there is now less weight than formerly attached to mere trial trips, a progressive trial is even more than interesting, but the crucial test is what speed can be attained on a voyage, or, best of all, all the year round in varying weather. We have before us the result of a mail steamer of upward of 10,000 tons displacement which attains on a voyage a mean speed of 17 knots, much the same as the highest speed of the *Collingwood*, *Howe* and *Impérieuse*, and it may be of interest to our readers to have a comparison of the results:

| | Mean draft, ft. in. | Displacement, tons. | I. H. P. | Speed, knots. | Coefficient of efficiency, $\frac{100 \times V^3}{I. H. P.}$ |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| Collingwood | 23 6 | 8,080 | 9,573 | 16.841 | 301.4 |
| Howe | 23 5½ | 9,228 | 11,615 | 16.923 | 182.3 |
| Impérieuse | 25 0 | 7,645 | 10,184 | 17.218 | 194.3 |
| Mercantiles | 24 0 | 10,415 | 10,000 | 17.000 | 234.3 |

It will be seen from the above how considerably higher is the coefficient of efficiency in the mercantile steamer than in the war ships, and this would be even higher were a trial trip result of the latter vessel given, so that clearly the speed obtained on *Her Majesty's* warships is not an economical one. This is largely due to the limited length of these vessels, 325 feet between perpendiculars being the longest, or nearly 300 feet less than the mercantile vessel. In the *Howe's* trial results we find that as the speed increases the coefficient falls, clearly demonstrating that the power does not vary always as the cube of the velocity. The results were:

| No. of trial. | Speed, knots. | Coefficient of efficiency, $\frac{100 \times V^3}{I. H. P.}$ |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 8.398 | 281.2 |
| 2 | 10.250 | 285.4 |
| 3 | 13.886 | 265.0 |
| 4 | 15.878 | 230.1 |
| 5 | 16.923 | 189.3 |

If the power always varied as the cube of the speed the indicated horse-power would have been as in the second column of the following table:

| No. of trial. | I. H. P. calculated to vary as the cube of velocity. | Actual I. H. P. |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | 1,734 | 1,739 |
| 2 | 3,861 | 4,099 |
| 3 | 6,442 | 8,239 |
| 4 | 7,806 | 11,613 |

The actual indicated horse-power was, however, in all cases save at the 10.25 knot speed in excess, and gradually increasing as the speed increased. Whether the maximum length "by common consent" accepted for "first-class ships" could not be with advantage increased, is a question of moment. We are inclined to the opinion that war ships are not now required to maneuver with sail-power. Especially in the case of twin screw steamers could the length with manifest advantage be increased, seeing they are more easily maneuvered than steamers with single propellers. No doubt in many respects there have been great improvements of late years, especially in the reduction in the weight of machinery—from 1 ton for 6.1 indicated horse-power in the *Warrior* to 10.08 indicated horse-power per ton in *Howe*—and further economy of coal consumption is now about to be attained, the compound engine giving place to the triple-expansion engine. A greater impetus will be given to a "high speed of piston," and probably it will be found proportionately small diameters of propellers will give even better results than yet attained. To some extent this has been experienced in the *Howe*, as on comparing her with the sister vessel *Collingwood* we find with 2 feet 11 inches less diameter of propeller and nearly 100 tons less weight of machinery upward of 2000 additional indicated horse-power was obtained.

The Michigan Mining School, at Houghton, Mich., has sent out its prospectus. Mr. J. N. Wright, of Calumet, is president; Thomas L. Chadbourne, of Houghton, secretary, and Allen F. Rees, treasurer. Mr. Albert Williams, Jr., formerly Chief of the Division of Mining Statistics and Technology of the Geological Survey, has been appointed principal and has already chosen competent associates. Tuition is free to residents of Michigan. The regular course will be two years, with a post graduate course leading to the degree of mining engineer after sufficient practice. The school starts off under the best of auspices, with a fairly equipped treasury and a splendid field of usefulness.

The *Official Gazette* of the Patent Office publishes the full decision of Judge Butler, of the United States Circuit Court, rendered on the 14th of May, 1886, in the cases of *Asmus vs. Furman* and *Asmus vs. Aiden*, which involves the validity of the Luermann cipher notch patent, dated November 5, 1869, and renewed November 24, 1868. Judge Butler upholds the validity of the patent as renewed, and a decree was entered for the plaintiff.

During the past 14 months the British Admiralty has ordered more than 100 Willans engines for electric lighting on board ship. The Willans engine is of the rotary type, and has been very aptly described as a steam turbine. We may add that the selection of the type of engine has not been governed by considerations of steam economy alone.

Experiments have been made at the works of the Western Nail Company, Belleville, Ill., with mixtures of Missouri, *Warrior* (Tenn.) and *Sloss* (Ala.) pig irons to test their value as raw material in the Clapp-Griffith converters.

Recent Foreign Improvements in Gas Engines.

Referring to the more recent improvements in gas engines which have been made in England, the *English Mechanic* says: The patents are readily divisible into three classes, those which refer to improvements in the arrangements for compressing the charge, improvements in the valves and valve gear, and those which have reference to the nature of the combustible used. High piston speed and more rapid expansion are aimed at by most of the patentees who understand the subject. Thus Mr. C. W. King's patent, No. 1,700, 1885, has a moving cylinder within the fixed cylinder, the former being coupled to the crank-shaft by two connecting-rods. A trunk-piston working in the moving cylinder is connected to a crank placed opposite, or at an angle of 180° to the cranks actuated by the moving cylinder. The latter in making its stroke forces a charge of mixed air and gas through a check-valve into a chamber, and when it just about reaches the end of the fixed cylinder two ports coincide and admit the combustible mixture into the moving cylinder, where it is compressed by the movement of the trunk-piston. Just as the two pistons—that is, the moving cylinder and the trunk-piston—commence to recede from another the charge is fired and they are driven forcibly apart. When the pistons approach one another a fresh combustible charge is drawn through the admission valve into the space in the fixed cylinder behind the moving cylinder, and that is compressed and forced out, as explained above, when the cylinder is returned by the force of the explosion. The valve arrangements are automatic—the exhaust being uncovered by the movement of the trunk-piston, while the igniting-valve is opened by the pressure due to the compression; the mixture is thus fired when most highly compressed. Patent 16,698, 1884, relates to one of Mr. Turner's non-compression engines, and the object is to insure early explosion and expansion and obtain high speed. Two slide-valves are placed face to face, and so operated that while one is making its outward stroke the other is traveling in the contrary direction, and the opening and closing of the admission and lighting ports are thus effected in less time than when only one valve is employed. Patent 3199, 1885, by C. G. Beechey, relates to those engines which have a clearance space behind the working cylinder when at the end of its stroke. This space is to contain the compressed charge, and the object of the invention is to get rid of the exhaust effectually and obtain an explosion at every revolution of the shaft. To effect that result a central outlet in the form of a tube projects into the working cylinder, and through that the products of combustion are driven during the early portion of the stroke of the piston, the fresh charge of combustible mixture which is being forced into the clearance space assisting to expel them.

Patent 610, 1885, has been taken out on behalf of Mr. Lenoir, of Paris, and relates to portable gas engines for agricultural and other purposes. In this arrangement there is a combustion-chamber separate from the working cylinder, which is clothed with non-conducting materials, because, while it is desired to keep the cylinder at a temperature below that of boiling water, the temperature of the combustion-chamber may be as much as 750° F. The explosive mixture is passed directly into the working cylinder and is compressed into the combustion-chamber by the motion of the piston. The ignition is said to take place gradually, commencing at the surface of the piston and proceeding toward the end of the combustion-chamber furthest from the cylinder, the chamber thus receiving all the calorific effects of the explosion and consequently heating up the next charge. This preliminary heating of the gaseous mixture produces complete combustion and a more advantageous utilization of the elastic force of the combining gases. Messrs. McGhee and Magee (6763, 1885), employ a receiver with an elastic diaphragm in connection with the cylinder. During the outstroke of the piston a charge of gas and air is admitted to the cylinder, a portion of which is pressed into the receiver during the instroke, while the remainder is compressed at the back end of the cylinder. Just as the piston commences its outstroke the charge is exploded, but it is only at alternate outstrokes that the charge in the receiver can be drawn into the cylinder, the object of the receiver being to prevent a vacuum in the cylinder and to afford space for the greater expansion of the charge. Mr. S. Wilcox, of Brooklyn, U. S. A., has completed several patents recently, in one of which (15,875, 1885) he provides a separate combustion chamber in order to overcome the difficulty met in maintaining an igniting flame. This chamber is lined with refractory material, and has a number of cellular chambers which make up a "water jacket." This device is mainly for use with petroleum as the combustible, and so is the same inventor's patent 15,874, 1885, in which an air-pump forces air into a receiver, where it is heated and then driven through valves over a row of burners consisting of a series of sheets of wire gauze. The air is there thoroughly saturated with the combustible liquid, and the charge is passed into the working cylinder through valves of the well-known Corliss type. In another of Mr. Wilcox's patents the piston is provided with a trunk passing through a stuffing-box and forming an annular space which serves as an air-pump chamber. A regenerator composed of a series of metal plates is placed between the valve-box and the combustion-chamber and retains part of the heat from the exhaust. The entering air, already heated by contact with the hot cylinder, has its temperature still further raised by passing through the generator.

On behalf of H. Hartig, New York, a patent has been obtained (9801, 1885) for a simple arrangement in which the piston-rod is connected to the piston by an oscillating or roller valve. On one side of the cylinder a port admits gas and air, and on the other is an exhaust opening. The roller-valve having portions of its face cut out thus

alternately opens to admit the mixture and dissipate the products of combustion. Mr. C. Kempster patents (1581, 1885) a device in which there are eight exploding chambers, so that four explosions are obtained at each revolution, the two sets of four chambers being charged alternately, each chamber being refilled as soon as its fellow chamber has been fired. This engine is to be worked by a hydrocarbon liquid, as are many of those recently patented.

Eave-Trough Clamp.

The accompanying cut shows a general view of a recent idea in trough clamps. The device is manufactured by Seward & Noel, Bloomington, Ind. The advantages which the makers claim for this article include among others the rapidity with which sections of eave-troughs may be put in place and temporarily held while being soldered, and also that the clamp is so arranged that both sides of the joint between the sections of the trough will be exposed, so that either or both can be soldered without changing the position of the sections of the clamp. Another advantage is that the clamp is constructed in such a manner that the head may be on either side of the trough or on both sides. The clamp is operated by detachable bails mounted in the standards, so as to be easily rotated, whereby the convex and concave sides are presented to the workmen, as the requirements may be. The object in making the bails detachable is so that the clamp may be removed and set aside in some corner of the shop when not wanted in use. Another object is to allow two or more sections of the trough, which would extend beyond one or both ends of the clamp, being placed in the clamp, so as to be soldered together. This device is well spoken of by many who have used it, and it seems to have been carefully considered by the inventors, who are practical men and well acquainted with the requirements of eave-trough makers.

Can for Transporting Milk.

We illustrate herewith a can for transporting milk, which is manufactured by Herman Wuppermann, Pinneberg, Holstein, Germany, and which is described as being made of sheet steel and of great solidity. It is struck up of two pieces. Owing to the peculiar construction of the can it is claimed to possess several advantages over the ordinary article. One of these is the joining of the stamped lower part and the stamped upper part with the neck, which makes quick and thorough cleansing possible. There is but one horizontal seam in the body of the can, and this is secured by the central iron hoop which also serves to cover the joining. This seam is carefully made and is easily reached in cleaning. All the interior of the can, we learn from the maker's circular, is visible, and in cleaning any damage to the



Can for Transporting Milk, Made by Herman Wuppermann, Pinneberg, Holstein, Germany.

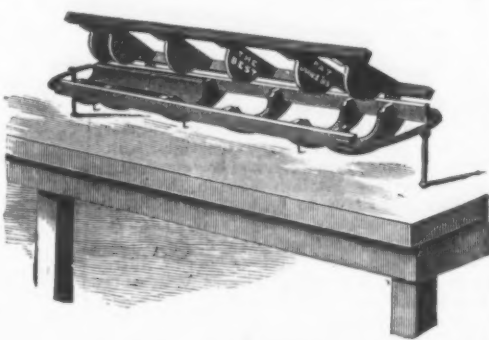
can not visible from the outside is easily ascertained. The can is stayed with three iron hoops around the body and one around the neck, as well as a cross underneath the bottom. The iron hoops around the body, as well as that around the neck, protect these parts from injuries and enhance the usefulness of the can. The cross on the bottom serves the same general purpose as the hoops and prevent it from bulging out. This cross in connecting with the hoops also maintains the capacity of the can, which without these supports would be subject to essential variations. In order to admit of a free circulation of air and to keep the contents of the can at as equable a temperature as possible, the foot rim is provided with three ventilating holes. In the construction of the can no rivets are used save those employed in fastening the ears and the neck rim. The ears are very strong, and, as will be seen by the engraving, the bail is bent up in the middle for suspending the can. The cover is stamped out of a piece of very strong sheet steel, and its interior, lower and tapering rim are beaded over strong wire in such a way as to render all the interior surfaces accessible. Both bending and bulging are prevented as far as possible, and the effectual closing of the can, the maker asserts, may safely be relied upon. The rim is stayed in a similar manner. In opening the can the cover is grasped tightly with one part of the hand, while with the other fingers the bail is seized and the hand closed, which draws the cover straight up. In order to prevent the loss of milk in transportation, and to effect a double

closure of the cover, the neck of the can is provided with a bead upon which the lower part of the cover rests. This bead also serves to show the contents of the can, which when filled up to the mark holds 5½ gallons. The can weighs about 14½ pounds.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

LABOR, LAND AND LAW. A Search for the Missing Wealth of the Working Poor. By Hon. William A. Phillips. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$2.50.

Mr. Phillips, who was a member of the Committee on Public Lands in the Forty-third Congress, and of Banking and Currency in the Forty-fifth, in his "Search for the Missing Wealth of the Working Poor" has scoured the records of every land, spreading the fruits of his industry in the first 300



Eave-Trough Clamp, Manufactured by Seward & Noel, Bloomington, Ind.

pages of his work. He speaks of land and labor in ancient Israel, in the ancient empires and in the Middle Ages. He attempts to show how the Christian and Mahomedan systems affected society, and then turns to the land system in the leading countries of modern Europe, devoting to this review fully one-half of his work. Mr. Phillips deals with the subject from his point of view, drawing from it the lesson that land was acquired by violence and fraud in Europe by an aristocracy which has shunned no means, however vile, to perpetuate a system imposing upon the many the task of supporting a few in idleness and luxury. He holds up this distorted picture with the evident purpose of frightening his readers into the belief that we are fast drifting into a condition of affairs where a similarly-placed class is growing up in this country. Mr. Phillips is a victim of much of the claptrap which is now flooding the country with lachrymose sympathy for the so-called working classes. We have been growing richer, but, according to Mr. Phillips, all this accumulated wealth has gone to a few, while those who work hardest are growing poorer. He attacks well-known abuses like the watering of railroad and other capital, the fraudulent alienation of the public lands, the stock gambling, &c., but he goes too far in many respects. Any one who has noted how the estates of many corporations have gone into the hands of receivers will deny that "the people have to pay the railroad debts just as surely as they pay the national taxes." Mr. Phillips thinks that the profits of machinery should go to the laborer after a fair compensation to the management, evidently on the ground that "the rarest artistic skill is the gift of the mechanic." It is not. The rarest skill is that of the manager of the great modern industrial establishments, the business men at their head. Mr. Phillips has been misled, or is trying to deceive when he asserts that as a body those whom he calls the working classes did not get their share of the increased wealth during the last 20 years. Let him make a canvass among those who were laborers and mechanics then, and he will probably find a large proportion of them in the ranks of the middle classes, or their heirs in the enjoyment of greater property. They have risen and their place has been taken by hundreds of thousands who have since come to this country to share in its growing prosperity. Nothing is more dangerous and we believe further from the truth than to encourage the idea that a few are grasping the labor of the many, especially since the accumulation of great wealth by a few conspicuous men gives encouragement to that belief. That is a minor phase only; it does not prove a rule. The circumstances of our wage-workers are better to-day than they were, if due allowance is made for the fact that it is not fair to compare them as they are in a period of depression like the present. The requirements of the mass of the people, so far as the necessities and the luxuries of life are concerned, have developed amazingly during the last 20 years, and where discontent now exists in many instances there would have been entire satisfaction with the same conditions then. Mr. Phillips, in fostering the idea that injustice is being done which calls for fundamental changes in land tenure, in the conducting of manufacturing, &c., is doing harm. No one will deny that there are many abuses. Let them be attacked, but so long as Americans have energy and self-reliance enough to depend upon their own exertions to carve out their own future radical changes are not necessary.

The new amendments to the shipping law of June 26, 1884, designed to abate the evils of the advance wages system, and which are now in effect, provide that stipulated allotments of wages may be given to be paid when earned during the voyage. Wages shall not be paid before leaving the port of shipment before they have been earned; but a seaman may stipulate in his shipping agreement for allotment of all or any portion of his wages, not exceeding \$10 a month, to his mother, wife or other relative, or to an original creditor in liquidation of any just debt for board or clothing which may have been contracted previous to his shipping. These allotments of wages are to be paid only to and by officers authorized by act of Congress, and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Coal Market.

The event of the week is a meeting of representatives of the leading Anthracite Coal companies, held in Philadelphia, 20th inst., to adjust the allotment for August, which after debate was fixed at 2,500,000 tons, a reduction of 500,000 tons from August of last year. Those present were Frederick A. Potts, of the New York, Susquehanna and Western; W. H. Sayre, of the Lehigh Valley; T. M. Richards, of the Reading; Mr. Hart, of the Delaware and Hudson, and F. C. Yarnall, of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. The Philadelphia Press says: "The Pennsylvania Railroad was not represented, but it was understood that it would not consent to any policy of restriction, and would continue to carry all the Coal offered it." After remarking upon the small profits realized by the trade during the last two months, the editor says: "The Reading Coal and Iron Company gave away its Coal last month and lost \$138,000 besides. The allotment of the small tonnage of 2,500,000 in August will to some extent remedy the evil. It will have the effect of stirring up the buyers of Coal, who generally become anxious as fall approaches, and may result in an advance in prices." The Lehigh Valley Company have resolved to suspend operations until August 1, having exceeded their quota to the extent of 146,000 tons. Some of the private companies, like Pardee & Co., are sold out far beyond their production.

The Government on Monday awarded contracts for 48,000 tons of Anthracite Coal. The lowest bids were \$3.65 for Lump, \$3.28 for Broken, \$3.64 for Egg and \$4.25 for Chestnut, for the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Respecting the completion of the Schuylkill Valley line of railway the Philadelphia North American foresees a struggle between the Pennsylvania and Lehigh Valley railroads and the Coal combination, the former refusing to join in any scheme to restrict production. A new Coal syndicate, headed by E. R. Chapman, of New York, has purchased 500,000 acres of Coal land in East Tennessee, with the design of supplying the coast steamers from the leading depot at Brunswick, Georgia.

According to the official figures the stock of Coal on hand at tidewater shipping points June 30 was 706,736 tons, showing an increase during June of 86,285 tons, and it is stated that since July over 100,000 tons additional have gone into the tidewater accumulation. The total amount of Anthracite Coal sent to market for the week was 497,557 tons, compared with 686,845 tons in the corresponding week last year, a decrease of 189,288 tons. The total amount of Anthracite mined thus far in the year 1886 is 15,282,894 tons, compared with 13,711,345 tons for the same period last year, an increase of 1,571,549 tons. The shipments from the mines of the Cumberland Coal region for the week ending July 10 were 65,672 tons, and for the year to that date 887,514 tons, a decrease of 482,628 tons as compared with the corresponding period of 1885.

A submarine cable to Australia is proposed as a sort of adjunct to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The idea is to lay the cable from Vancouver, B. C., thence to the Aleutian or Sandwich Islands, in the Pacific; thence to Yeddo, Japan; thence to Hong Kong, and from there to Australia and New Zealand. The only question now to be decided seems to be which is the most practicable route—via the Aleutian or the Sandwich Islands. This is the only remaining link required to put a girdle of electricity round the globe.

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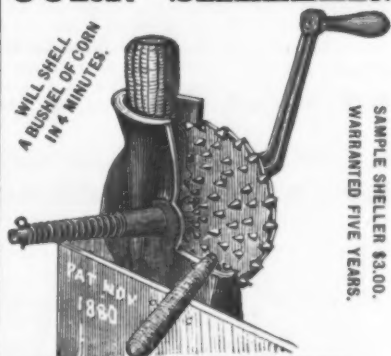
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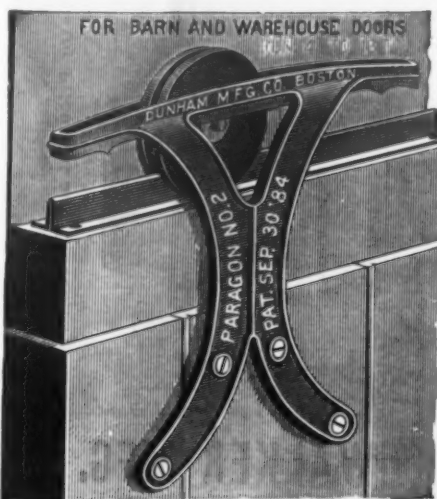
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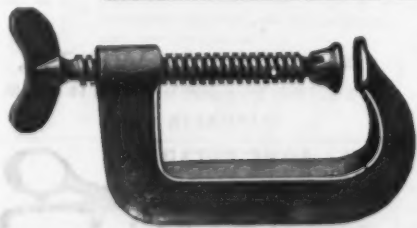
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THE WEEK.

The first through train from British Columbia on the Canadian Pacific Railway arrived in Montreal 12th inst., making the run from the Pacific shore in one week.

The Harlem Bridge Committee awarded the contract for building the proposed new bridge to the Passaic Rolling Mill Company and Myles T. Tierney jointly. The bid was \$2,055,000. Only three bids were submitted to the commissioners for the erection of the entire structure, including both the metallic and the stone portions, and of these the bid of the Passaic Rolling Mill Company was the lowest. The other bids were those of the Union Bridge Company for \$2,058,000, and the New Jersey Steel and Iron Company for \$2,245,000. The construction of the bridge will be begun at once, and the structure is to be ready to be opened to traffic on June 28, 1888.

Chief Engineer Church, of the new aqueduct, in a report presented to the commissioners by General Newton and other engineers who conducted the investigation, is exonerated from all charges brought against him by ex-Construction Engineer Craven.

Carrying petroleum in bulk is becoming an important trade. Six steamers are named which have been adapted to this form of transportation, together having a bulk of 116,700 barrels. The Bakuin, now near completion in England for the Black Sea trade, is the first steamer built expressly to carry oil, the skin of the ship forming the sides of the tanks, which come up to the 'tween decks. She has 12 compartments, engines aft, and will carry 1750 tons of oil. The Spanish steamer Marzo, in the Lisbon trade, is at Philadelphia fitted to carry oil, which will be put in the ballast tanks, arranged to allow for contraction and expansion of the liquid, while the between decks will be filled with coal. The bark Crusader has performed two voyages from New York to London with perfect success, delivering her cargo in prime order. She has 37 cylindrical tanks, containing in all 3700 barrels, each with its supply pipe. On the Thames, in London, a 4½-inch pipe will be laid from the wharf to the storage warehouse.

At the National Drummers' Convention, held in this city last week, it was resolved to dispatch a committee to Washington for the purpose of advocating the passage of Congressman James' bill for abolishing the license tax in the Southern States.

The public debt of Chili has been reduced during the last year nearly \$14,000,000, and the budget for 1887, without extraordinary taxation, shows a considerable excess of receipts over expenditures.

"An employer" in a morning paper argues that in these days of fierce competition, with the increase of cost in the transaction of business and the narrowing of all margins of profits, success in the half-holiday movement means for clerks sooner or later a reduction in their wages. They are not skilled laborers, and the market is already overcrowded.

By the bursting of an air compressor in the coal mine at Buchtel, Ohio, while it was being repaired, three men were fatally injured. They attempted to stop a leak in the receiver before turning off the pressure, hence the explosion.

There are eight or ten shrimp fisheries on the bay at San Francisco wholly conducted by the Chinese, and several tons are caught daily. The shrimp are dried in the sun, then beaten with a flail, winnowed to blow off the shells, and then packed in cases for shipment to China.

Several wheat-laden steamers are being dispatched from this port to Lisbon direct, in anticipation of increased import duties by the Portuguese Government on American cereals.

A fall of \$15 a share in the market price of Suez Canal shares is attributed to the company's annual report, which showed a decrease of gross revenue as compared with last year, and a decrease of net revenue from \$7,014,870 to \$6,805,754.

A special count of mail matter at 20 leading post offices in the United States for the last week of June shows an increase of 19 per cent. in the number of pieces of all kinds compared with 1885.

In the Barbadoes the attention of the legislature is largely occupied with a bill in aid of the sugar planters, whose condition is deplorable on account of the current low prices for this staple. German bounties for production threaten sugar culture in the British colonies with extinction.

Distinctive features of the Yellowstone Park are in its hot springs and its geysers. For miles and miles the internal heat of the earth is breaking out in springs of steaming fluid. Clouds of steam are rising everywhere. There are more than 2000 of these hot springs, and there are 26 spouting geysers. These are sufficiently strange in their different shapes and the fantastic forms which the craters from which they issue have taken. The waters are of crystal clearness, as a rule, but their sediment has so lined the basins out of which they issue that they take on every tint, and are like

fairy founts to the eye, if the fumes that issue from them do answer to the conception of the infernal regions. The formations from the deposits about the basins surpass everything else, both in form and color.

The Pullman Palace Car Company's shops at Elmira are to be returned to Philadelphia. They will employ 600 hands.

The jury in the suit of Gen. John G. Farnsworth, as receiver of the Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph Company, in which \$2,000,000 damages were claimed for the cutting of the wires of the plaintiff exactly one year before, on Saturday brought in a verdict in the Supreme Court, before Justice Lawrence, awarding \$240,000 to the plaintiff. Joseph H. Choate, for the defendant, obtained 120 days after entry of judgment to make a case on appeal.

Unfavorable reports have reached Alexandria about both the quantity and the quality of the petroleum discovered in Upper Egypt, near the Red Sea.

M. de Lesseps, nothing daunted, says the machinery and apparatus are ready for the prosecution of the work on the Panama Canal until its completion in 1889, and that only \$120,000,000 more are required. The directors accordingly will issue fresh bonds to the amount of 600,000,000 francs, with a large premium and frequent drawings.

The New York Cable Railroad Company claim that under the decisions of the courts they have a right to construct fully 68 miles of cable road, and will appear before the Court of Appeals in October.

Abandoned coal mines beneath Pittsburgh are being utilized as natural sewers, but the health authorities may object.

Under the favoring auspices of Minister Cox the relations of the United States and the Sultan are more cordial. Toasts to the prosperity of both governments were given at a banquet to the American Legation and officers and crew of the Kearsarge at the house of the Minister of Marine on the 7th inst.

A California orange grower this season shipped 5850 boxes of fine oranges from 12½ acres and 1250 trees. His net profit was \$6700.

In parts of Dakota, July 6th, the temperature rose to the phenomenal height of 105°, and in Minnesota the day was the hottest of which there is any record, the mercury ranging from 84 to 96°. Crops in many districts have suffered from the extreme heat, but fortunately winter wheat was generally fully secured.

A feeling of indignation is said to pervade all classes in China on account of the delay and hesitation on the part of the United States in the payment of indemnity for alleged outrages experienced by subjects of China on the Pacific Coast. A Canton correspondent says: "The action of the United States will largely determine what will be our share in the improvements that are to be made in China in the coming years. Railways are to be built, mines to be opened up and American manufacturers are to be left out in the cold in all these improvements of the Chinese. The American merchants in Hong Kong and Canton feel this, and are not slow in speaking their minds. Unless these American merchants are all wrong, the refusal of a comparatively small sum now will be a loss to our national wealth of many times the sum in the years to come. Should there be a downright refusal to pay this claim American influence will bid a long farewell to China. It will be in the policy of the Chinese Government working against American products that we shall suffer."

Corn oil is offered as a substitute for cotton-seed oil, and the latter threatens to supplant animal fat in the imitation butter manufacture.

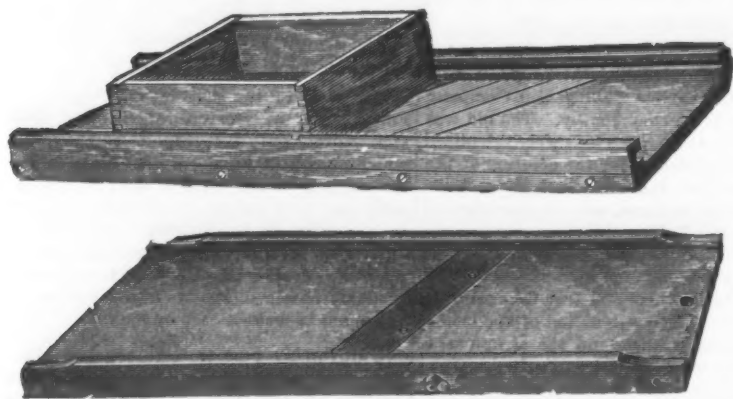
The State Mine Inspector of Ohio in his annual report, just published, says the condition of the coal trade is by no means satisfactory and that the production of iron has been almost suspended. In regard to coal, the discovery of natural gas has had a depressing effect. There are 17,734 miners employed in the coal-producing counties, and the product last year amounted to 6,635,029 tons; upward of 35 per cent. comes from the Hocking Valley region.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad affords another notable example of what can be accomplished by engineering skill and industry, accompanied by a free use of capital. To join Montreal to Vancouver by rail it was necessary to cut through more than 300 miles of solid rock, to turn 14 streams from their natural beds, to build hundreds of iron bridges, one being over 1000 feet long and another some 286 feet high, and to keep an army of men, sometimes as high as 15,000, continually employed. To make the road return a fair rate of interest on the capital is now a primary object, and no effort will be spared.

A Krupp steel shaft made at the great works in Germany broke on board the steamer Boaz, above Memphis, the other day, after being in use on the Mississippi River three years. It had made about 10,000,000 revolutions, the average being 3,250,000 per season of five months. The shaft was 32 feet 7 inches long and 13½ inches in diameter near the center, where it broke, and weighs 15,916 pounds. It makes 15 revolutions per minute by means

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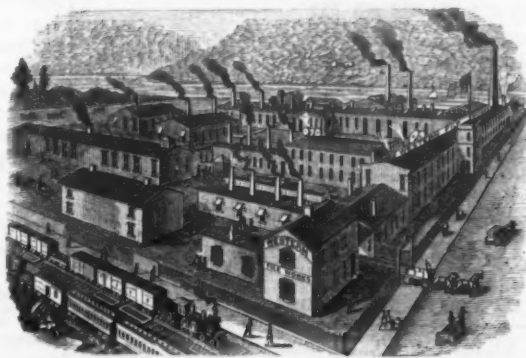
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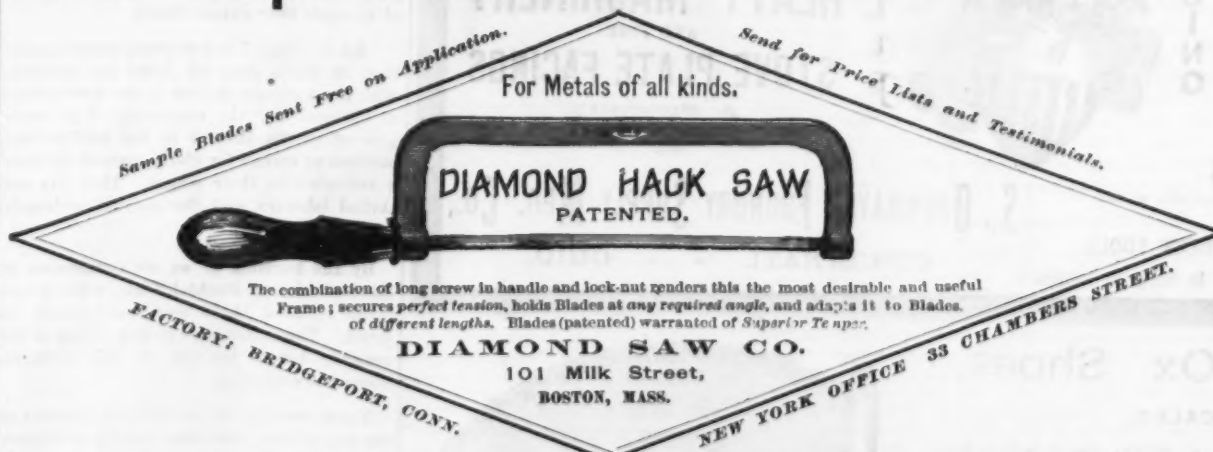


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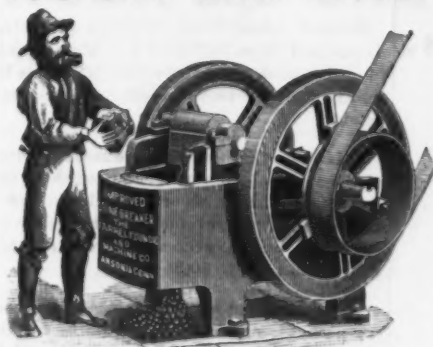
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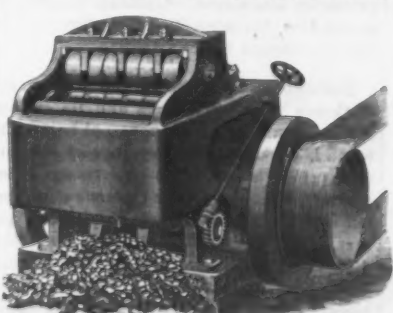
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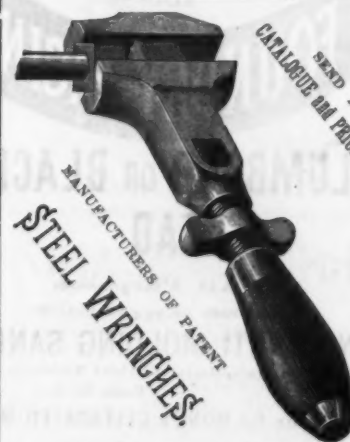


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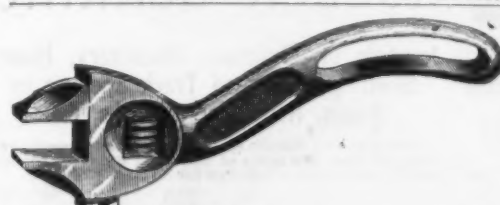


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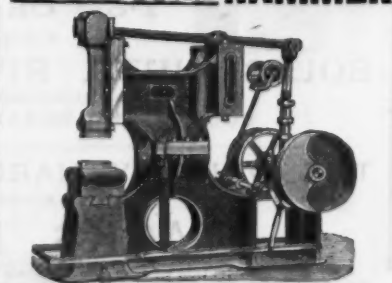
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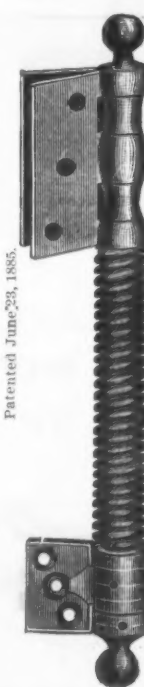


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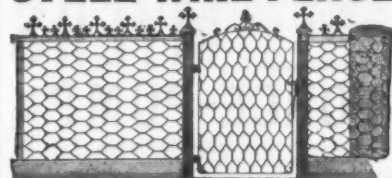
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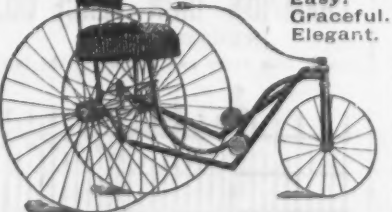
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river is aboard the tugboat Future City,
and weighs a little above 11 tons. Several
of these German steel shafts have broken,
and many are of the opinion that they are
not much safer than home-made wrought
iron or steel. The one on the Boaz is to be
repaired temporarily by banding.

M. J. Durham, First Comptroller of the
Treasury, decides that under Section 3753
of the Revised Statutes eight hours consti-
tute a day's work for laborers, workmen
and mechanics who may be employed by or
on behalf of the Government of the United
States.

How the great St. Gothard Tunnel helps
trade is the subject of a report by a French
commission appointed to inquire into the
economic consequences of piercing the
mountain. The line was opened for traffic
on the 1st of January, 1882. Since then
Germany has increased the value of her ex-
ports to Italy from 66,000,000 to 110,000,000
francs, and to Spain (by Genoa) from 51-
344,000 to 88,679,000 francs. As for Switzer-
land, in 1881 her exports to Italy were
valued at 37,000,000 francs; they have now
risen to over 75,000,000 francs. Italy has
benefited even more. Her exports to Switzer-
land, Germany and Belgium have risen
by leaps and bounds, and the commerce of
the port of Genoa in particular has increased
by 50 per cent. since the St. Gothard line
was opened. What Italy has gained France
has lost. Merchandise from the North
wishing to reach the Mediterranean is more
and more being sent to Genoa instead
of Marseilles. What has to be done is to
lessen the distance between Marseilles and
the north.

At the burning of the box factory of the
Tunna Mfg. Co., in Philadelphia, last week,
the fire department was completely baffled
by the failure of the fire alarm box near the
mill. A telephone wire was found which
had been cut from the roof of a building,
and had been thrown across the fire wire in
such a way as to completely ground it or
carry the current to the earth. The loss
was \$15,000.

The new electrical railway in Philadel-
phia, 1/2 mile in length, is claimed to be a
success. A feature is the manner in which
the current is taken up from the conductors
in the conduit to the car. For this purpose
frames have been constructed carrying
safeguards for cleaning out the slot and
protecting the other parts from obstacles on
the road. These frames carry springs
which rub against the iron portion of the
conductors, thus forming a good electric
contact. The springs are then connected to
the terminals of the motor by insulated
wires. The conductors are guarded from
wear by channel irons, the latter at the
same time preventing the springs from
leaving the conductors.

Steam dredges are used in Illinois now for
cutting large open ditches in swampy ground.
The largest ditch in the State is that near
the Illinois River, between Havana and
Pekin, being 17 1/2 miles long, 30 feet wide
on top at the upper end and gradually in-
creasing to 60 feet, and from 8 to 11 feet
deep.

The recent purchases of German rails by
the Chinese Government it now transpires
were for two short roads, but other large
roads are to be built in the Empire after the
work of fortifying the coasts has been com-
pleted. There will then be sharp competi-
tion among English, German and French
manufacturers to secure the contracts, and
not improbably the American market will be
affected.

The failure of De Rivera & Co., the sugar
importers, of New York, has complicated
two important industries in Rutland, Vt.,
of which De Rivera was the treasurer. The
Esperanza Marble Company, of Rutland, and
the Poultny Slate Works have been obliged
to suspend. Mr. De Rivera was the principal
stockholder in both companies.

The first city in Europe where electricity
has been entirely substituted for gas for
street lighting is the town of Hernösand, in
Sweden. The motive-power is water, which
is very plentiful there, rendering the light,
it is said, cheaper than gas.

A new concrete now being used quite ex-
tensively in France is composed of eight
parts sand, gravel and pebbles, one part
powdered cinders and one and a half parts
unsalted hydraulic lime. These materials
are thoroughly beaten together, the mixture
forming a concrete which sets almost im-
mediately, and becomes in a few days ex-
tremely hard and solid. It may be improved
by the addition of one part cement.

The new Italian cruiser Miseno, launched
at Castellamare, is an iron steamer 129 feet
long by 21 wide. She will be fitted up with
vertical cylinders and engines of 430 horse-
power, and is expected to have a speed of
10 miles an hour. She will be armed with
two cannon of 12 cm. bore, and two
revolver cannon. At the end of this month
the deep-sea torpedo boat Tripoli will be
launched, and at the end of August another,
the Folgore.

Five shiploads of railroad iron arrived in
Duluth last week, with 6500 tons of rails,
and seven more cargoes are near. Steel

rails enough to build 700 miles of railroad
will be landed at the head of Lake Superior
during the navigable season of 1886. Among
the railroads receiving the rails are the St.
Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba road, 27,-
000 tons; Northern Pacific and its branches,
23,000 tons; Duluth and Manitoba, 13,000
tons; Minneapolis and Pacific road, 6000
tons; Duluth and Iron Range road, 4000
tons; Sault Ste. Marie and Minneapolis
road (to Washburn), 8000 tons.

The valuation of taxable property in Jer-
sey City is \$56,704,102, of which \$52,065,-
752 is real estate.

The finances and business of the bankrupt
Texas and Pacific have reached so low a
stage that it is proposed to cease operating
the long Rio Grande Division, which extends
from Fort Worth clear across the State to
the junction of the road with the Southern
Pacific at Sierra Blanca, a distance of 524
miles. There is not a single good-sized town
in all this distance. The Texas and Pacific
once aspired to span the entire distance from
the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean.

President Purroy, of the Fire Department,
exhibited at the headquarters of the de-
partment a portable electric hand lantern,
for use in burning buildings in which the
smoke is so dense that an ordinary light will
not burn. It is the invention of a Paris
electrician, and is similar to those used in
the Fire Department of that city. It con-
sists simply of a six-cell battery and a seven
candle power incandescent lamp. The
lantern is to be tested by the New York
firemen.

Gustav Schwab, of the North German
Lloyd Line, says German emigration to the
United States has fallen off from various
causes. The crops in the Kaiser's realms
are very good and employ very many of
those who would otherwise emigrate, and
the labor disturbances in this city, the West
and elsewhere have discouraged the average
German and driven from him his ideas of
what this land of freedom could do for him.

Rivers in the Eastern States are so much
affected by drought that many mills have
shut down, throwing an army of laborers
out of work.

The British trade returns for the last
three months are more encouraging. The
export trade is especially satisfactory. Iron
in all its branches shows signs of increased
demand, particularly iron for shipbuilding.

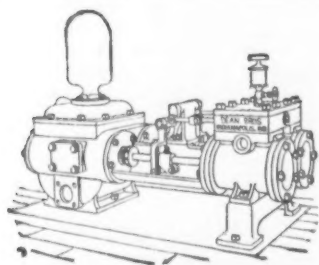
In Arizona irrigation is aiding the rapid
development of the Territory and demon-
strating its productiveness. Outside of a
few small elevated valleys in the northern
part of the Territory irrigation is every-
where essential to cultivation. The Arizona
Canal is over 40 miles long, cost over \$400,-
000, and irrigates nearly 100,000 acres of
land. In the Salt River Valley there are 10
canals, and in the valley of the Gila a num-
ber of canals have been constructed. These
enterprises are owned by incorporated com-
panies, each share representing a quantity
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worth from \$400 to \$500.

The Electric Subway Commission have
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of others who may desire to use them. No
charge is to be made to the different city
departments for their electrical conductors.
The rent to be collected from all others
using spaces shall not exceed the present
cost of maintaining conductors to the com-
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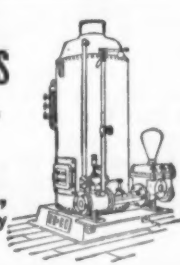
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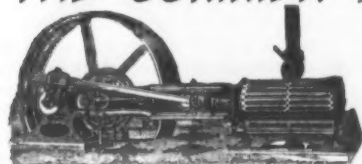
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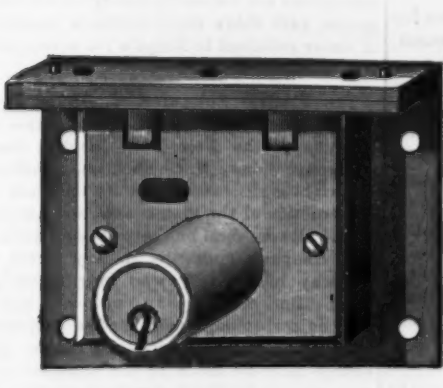
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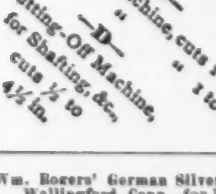
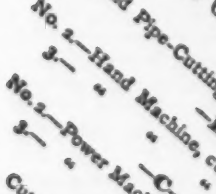
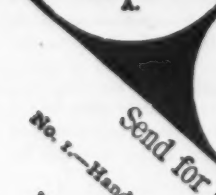
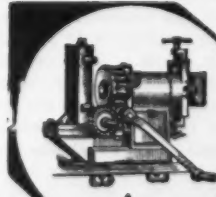
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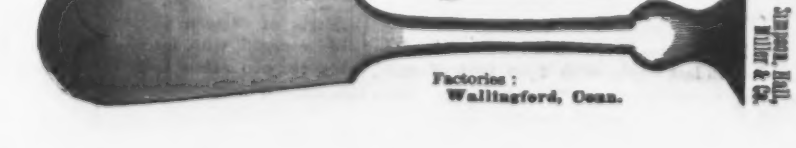
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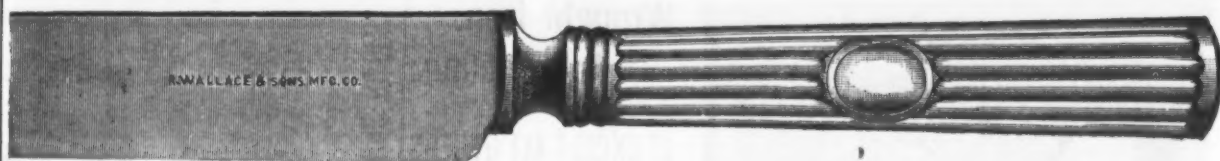
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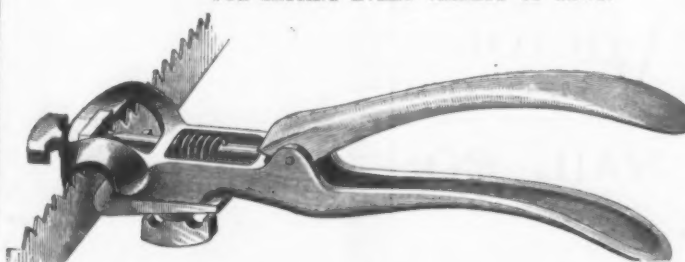
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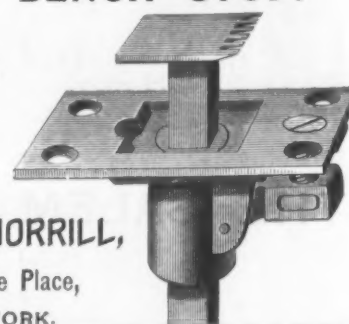
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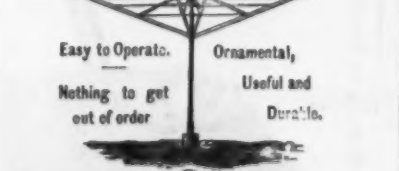
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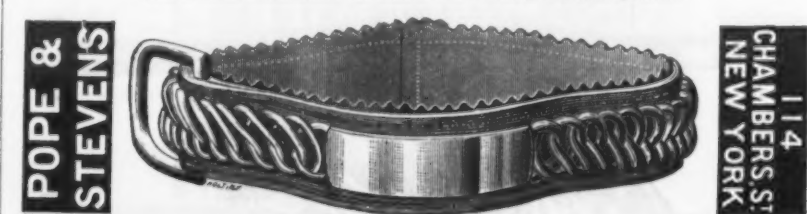
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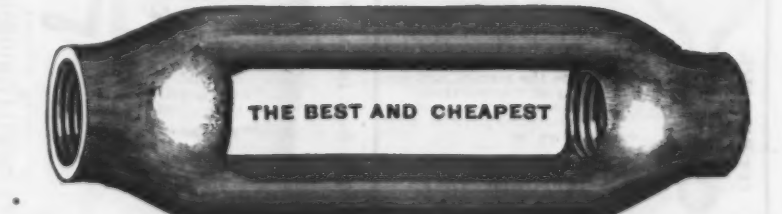
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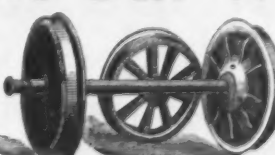
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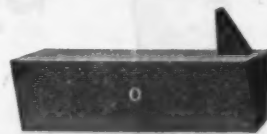
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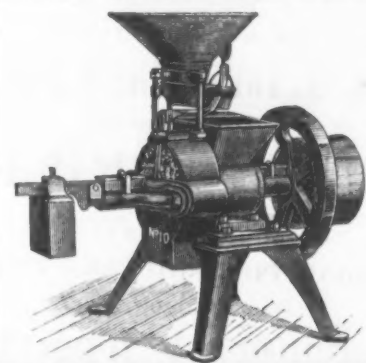
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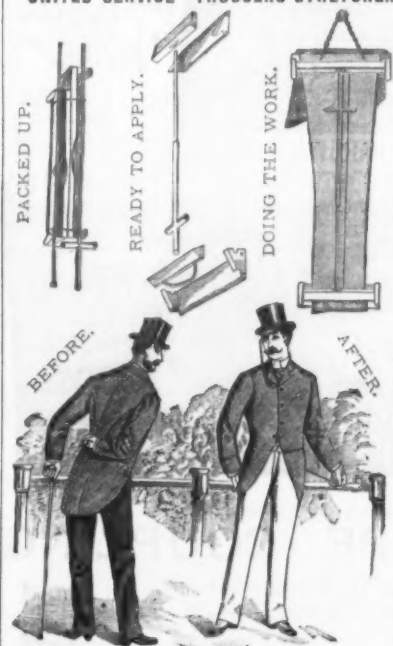
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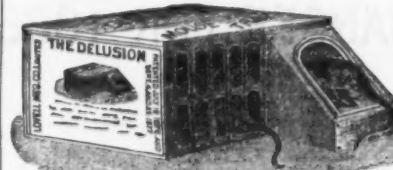
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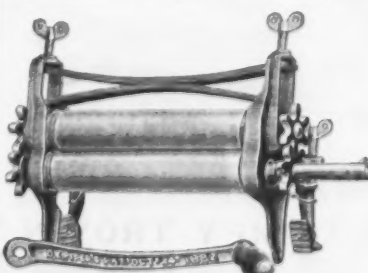
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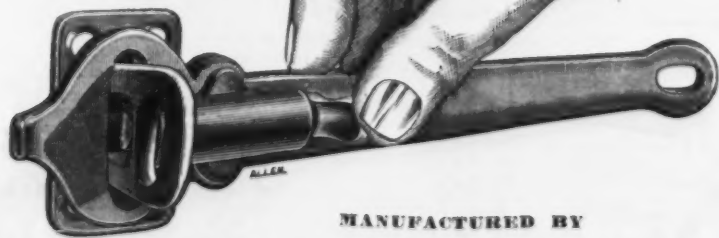
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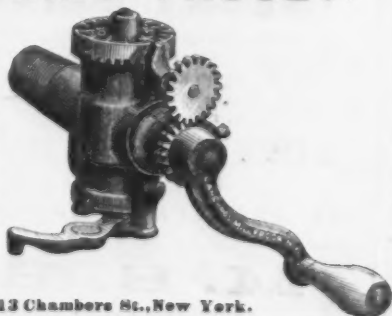
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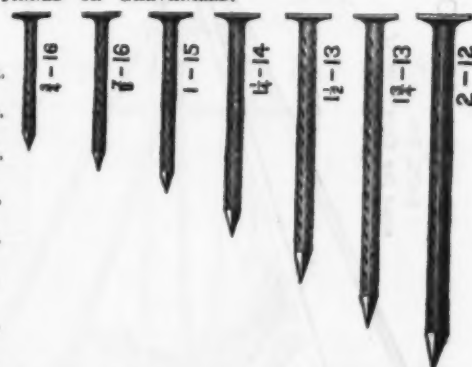
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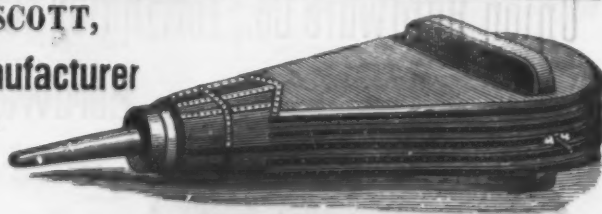
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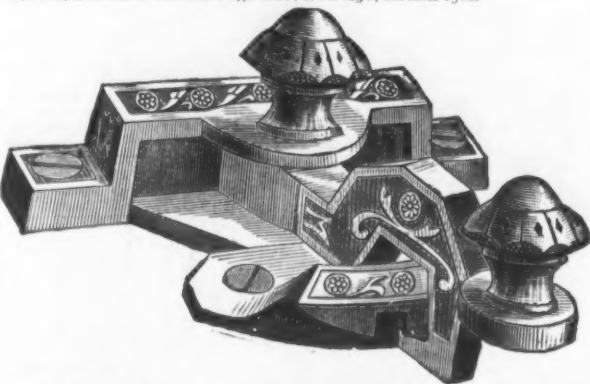
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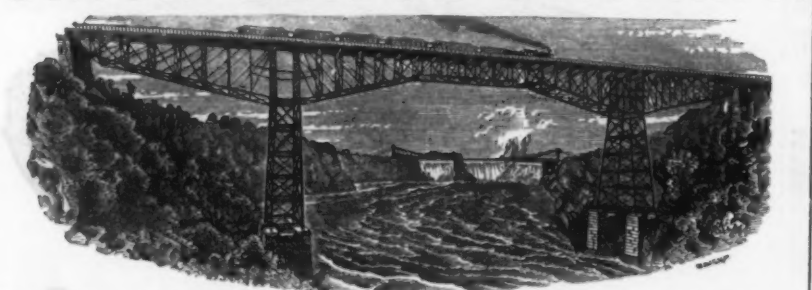


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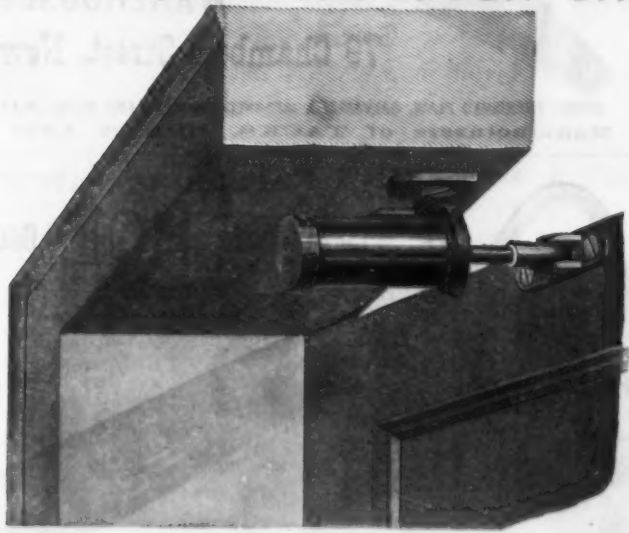


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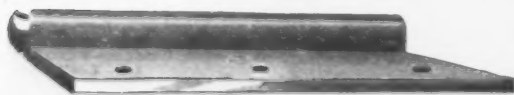
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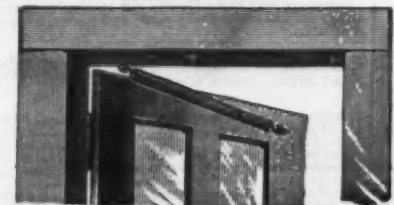
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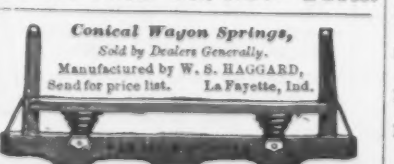
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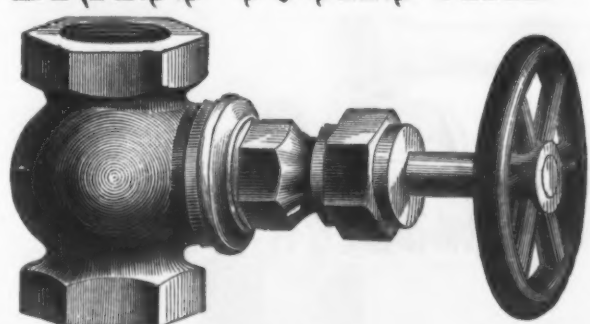
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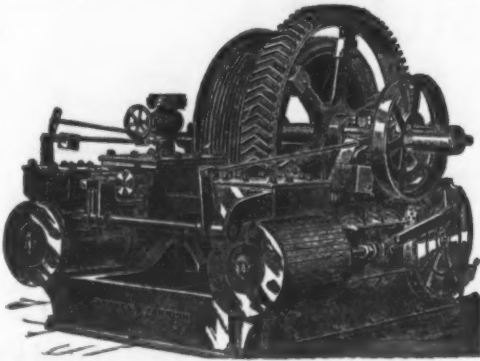
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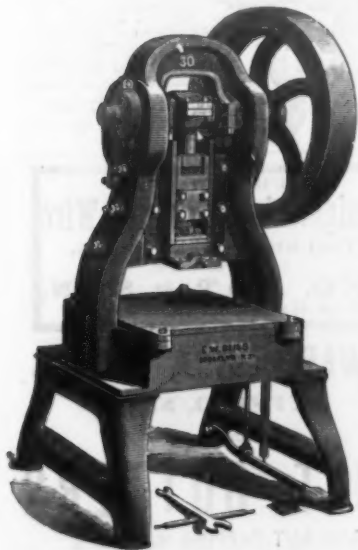
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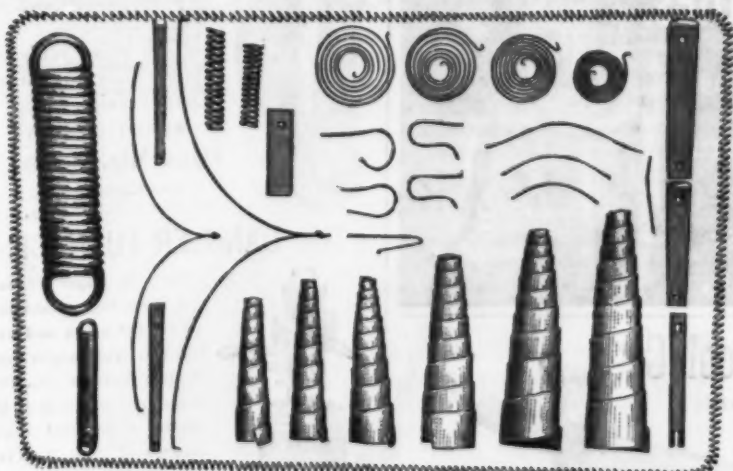
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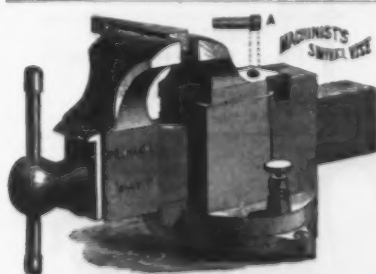
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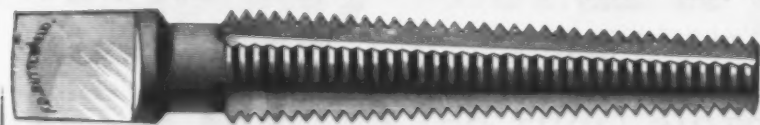
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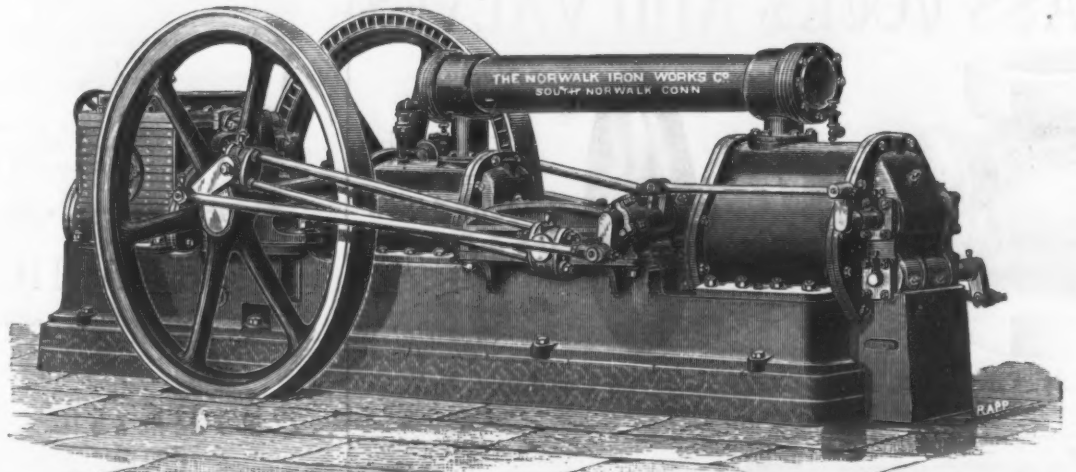
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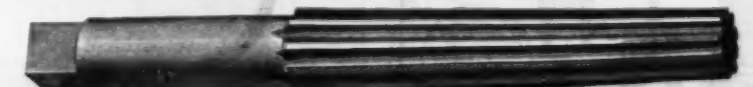


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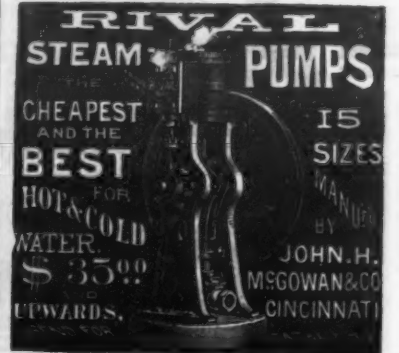
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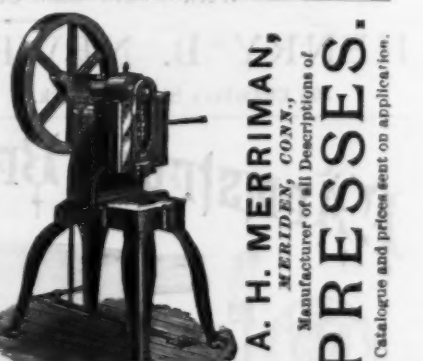


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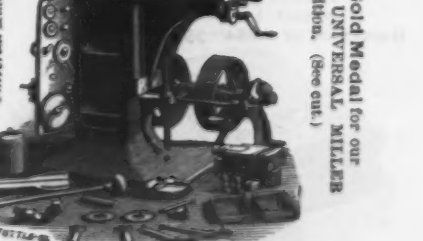


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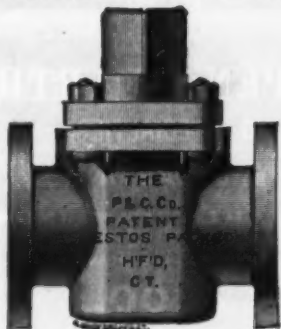
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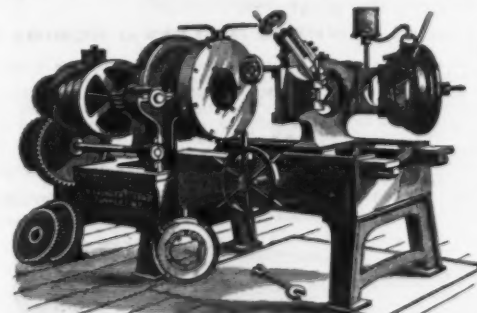
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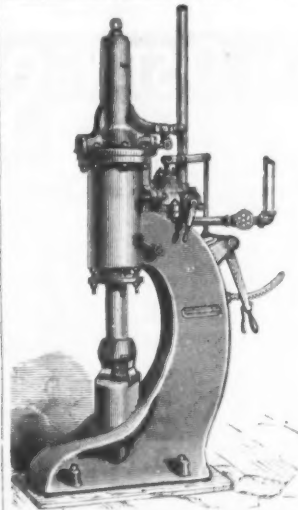
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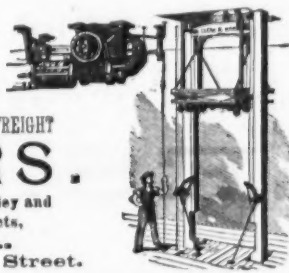
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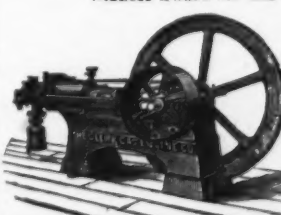
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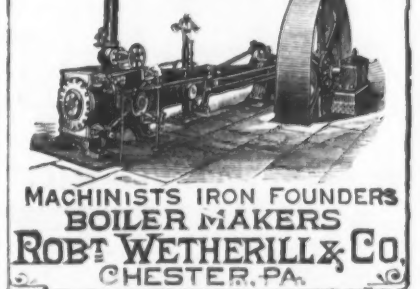
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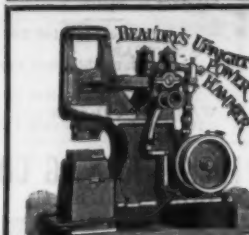
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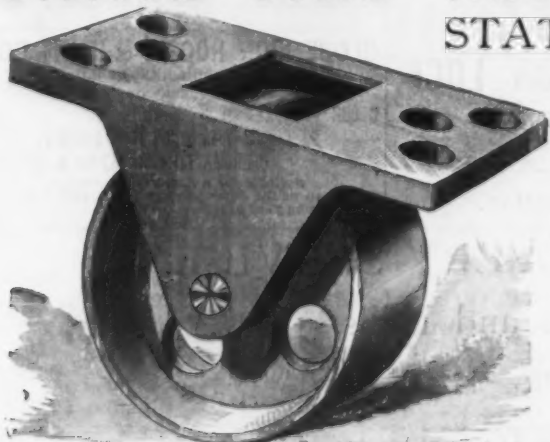
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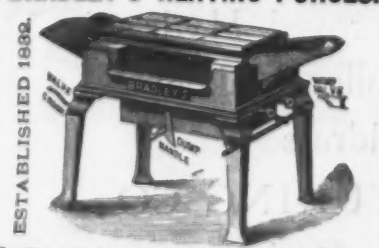
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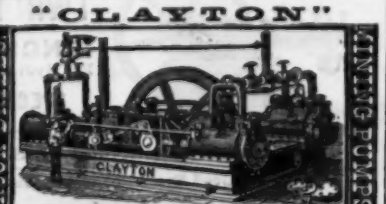
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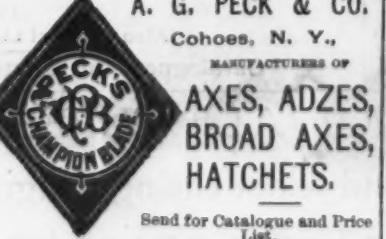
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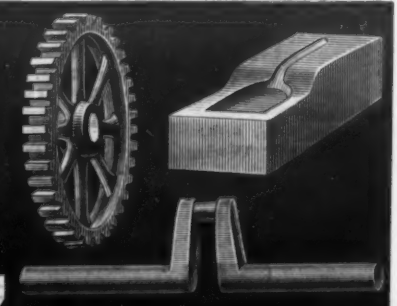
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